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### Warning after new laboratory tests

# Beef blamed for causing CJD deaths

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

POWERFUL evidence that "mad cow" disease has passed to people through contaminated beef has been produced by a new biochemical test, scientists announced yesterday.

The test shows that the new variant of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease which has been diagnosed in 14 people is quite different from other versions of the disease — but virtually identical to BSE.

While not formal proof that eating beef gave the victims the disease, the scientist who led the research said: "All lines of evidence converge on this conclusion".

Professor John Collinge, whose team made the discovery, added: "I think we should take it very seriously. We cannot predict how many future cases there may be. We need to start talking very seriously about developing therapeutic drugs in case the worst-case scenario arises."

The test developed by Professor Collinge and his team from Imperial College and St Mary's Hospital in London is the first to identify a molecular "marker" for the new strain of CJD and it may ultimately make it possible to diagnose the condition from blood samples. At the moment, CJD can be formally diagnosed only after death.

It will also help scientists to determine whether sheep thought to have scrapie might actually have been infected with BSE and pose a threat to public health. BSE, CJD and scrapie all belong to the same family of fatal brain diseases known as spongiform encephalopathies, which cause the victim to become unsteady and confused.

Collinge: "we should take it very seriously"

The new research is unlikely to force any change in government policy, however, since that has been based on the assumption of a link between infected beef and the new variant CJD. The Department of Health said: "This is the first time that we have had experimental evidence to support our view that there may be a link between BSE in cattle and the new strain of CJD. The evidence is not totally conclusive, but it is persuasive."

The findings are likely to increase European pressure on the Government to accelerate the cull of British cows, but farmers insisted that the new evidence did not make British beef any less safe to eat. Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "This will cause concern, but the findings merely confirm what was already suspected. Ever since March 20, the safeguards which have been put in place have assumed a worst-case scenario. It does not seem to me that there is anything more that needs to be done."

Professor Collinge and his team started work on developing the new test after a number of CJD patients were found to have unusual symptoms. CJD usually affects older people, but these patients were younger and scientists concluded that they had probably contracted the disease from infected beef. Until now, though, it had not been possible to prove that they were suffering from a distinct strain of CJD. Professor Collinge's team has discovered that not only was their variant quite different from other versions of CJD, but it was in effect identical to BSE — and to BSE transmitted to mice, cats and macaque monkeys.

The test will now be used to investigate whether other species, most especially sheep, have caught it. There are fears that sheep may be carrying BSE after being fed food contaminated with infected material from cows. If so, they could pose just as great a threat to human health as beef. Professor Collinge said that it might also be prudent to test pigs, although there was no evidence that they were affected by this type of disease.

The test developed by Professor Collinge — who has published his findings in the

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DAVE CHESKIN/PA

Matthew Harding, described as being "more like a supporter than a director"

# Chelsea stand to be named in honour of Harding

By Joanna Bale, Jason Nisse, Andrew Pierce and Kathryn Knight

CHELSEA football club is to name its new north stand in honour of Matthew Harding, its multi-millionaire vice-chairman who was killed in a helicopter crash late on Tuesday night.

Mr Harding, 42, was one of five men who died when the aircraft crashed into a field at Middlewich, Cheshire, as they travelled back to London after seeing Chelsea lose away to Bolton 2-1. Investigators were last night still trying to establish why the Eurocopter Twin Squirrel helicopter ploughed into trees and burst into flames on impact at 11 pm, leaving no survivors.

Mr Harding, who is credited with having rejuvenated Chelsea with huge injections of cash from his £120 million personal fortune, had been in the process of negotiating with investors, including George Soros, the billionaire trader, to secure an £80 million deal to take the club into the next century.

He had also recently pledged a £1 million donation to the Labour Party, of which it is believed to have received about £600,000. The rest had been due in time for the general election campaign.

The others who died were the pilot, Michael Goss, 38, of Salisbury, Wiltshire and three of Mr Harding's friends: Raymond Deane, 43, of Camberley, Surrey; John Bauldie, 47, a journalist for *Q* magazine of Richmond, Surrey, and Tony Burridge of Wimbledon, southwest London. Mr Burridge was a director of Benfield Ellinger, a subsidiary of Mr Harding's insurance company, Benfield Group.

One theory being explored by air crash investigators is that the pilot may have been trying to make an emergency landing after suffering an engine failure as he flew at around 2,000ft in clear skies towards Heathrow. Residents reported hearing the helicopter, the same one used to ferry Tony Blair from this month's Labour conference in Blackpool, apparently having engine problems.

In recent years, Mr Harding shared his private life between his estranged wife Ruth and their four children — Hannah, 18, Luke, 15, and 12-year-old twins Patrick and Joel — and his Ecuadorian mistress Vicky Jaramillo, 17 years his junior, and their two-year-old daughter Ella.

The worlds of football, finance and politics were joined in mourning. Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, paid tribute to Mr Harding — a man he had often been at odds with, but had come to love and respect.

He said: "Matthew was a catalyst to the rebuilding of Stamford Bridge, and it is the unanimous decision of the board that the new North Stand should be named after him as a tribute for what he did for the club."

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, said: "He was more like a supporter than a director. I knew him only for a short time, but I will always remember him for his laughter and his happiness after a game."

John Major, an ardent Chelsea supporter, said: "Chelsea was his passion and he did a huge amount to help the club he loved." Mr Blair said: "He was so full of life and vigour and someone deeply committed to his country."

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## Times reporter killed in crash

KATE ALDERSON, *The Times* reporter for northwest England, was killed in a car accident yesterday. Miss Alderson, 28, was on her way to cover the Cheshire helicopter crash when she was involved in a collision with another car.

John Bryant, deputy editor of *The Times*, said: "Kate Alderson was an excellent young journalist. Her death has come as a tremendous shock to all her colleagues."

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# Major's crime U-turn stuns Commons

By Philip Webster
political editor

JOHN MAJOR stunned the Commons yesterday by announcing that the Government would, after all, pilot through measures to tackle stalkers and child-sex offenders.

Although ministers had insisted as late as yesterday lunchtime that the issues were best dealt with by private member's legislation, the Prime Minister seized on an offer by Tony Blair to assist their speedy passage.

His unexpected change of heart came as party leaders opened the last session of Parliament before the election with an open battle for the moral high-ground in politics, a conflict given added emphasis by the call this week by Frances Lawrence — widow of the murdered headmaster Philip Lawrence — for a national crusade against the break-up of society.

Four hours after the Queen had outlined the final pre-election parliamentary programme containing 13 Bills, Mr Major had, at a stroke, increased it to 15. The move prompted accusations that he had carried out the fastest U-turn in political history — and overruled Michael Howard, his Home Secretary.

Among the session's proposed legislation are Bills on:

☐ Education — to extend selection in schools and give teachers new disciplinary powers
☐ Crime (sentences) — minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers; automatic life terms for twice-convicted serious violent offenders
☐ Firearms — to ban all handguns above .22 calibre
☐ Primary Health Care — to let GPs set up surgeries in supermarkets
☐ Social Security Fraud — to impose fixed-term penalties

The U-turn, clearly designed to defuse a row that Mr Major felt could unnecessarily damage the Government, was executed even as Mr Blair delivered his speech. The Labour leader had challenged Mr Major to bring forward Bills on stalking and the setting up of a register of sex offenders, saying "we will co-operate to put them through this House without any delay".

After that pledge Mr Major could be seen holding urgent consultations with Mr Howard, Tony Newton, the Commons' leader, Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip, and Michael Heseltine, his deputy. According to government sources he told Mr Newton: "If that is a cast-iron guarantee, then we will do it." Then, speaking after Mr Blair, he announced that he was accepting the "unequivocal" offer of support from Mr Blair. He said: "I accept that. I accept that deal."

It was an extraordinary Commons scene. Mr Blair said he was delighted, adding: "It shows the country what we can achieve in opposition."

Donald Dewar, the Labour Chief Whip, said it was a welcome retreat but showed the Government in complete disarray.

However, ministers and government business managers insisted Mr Major had scored a victory by extracting from Mr Blair a categorical statement on the House floor that Labour would give the Bills the fastest possible passage. They said the intention had always been to keep them separate from the main Crime Bill announced yesterday so they could concentrate public attention on Labour's alleged

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# The Queen is intrigued about a lady's toe too many

A detail from Steen's ***Woman at her Toilet***

By Emma Wilkins and Alan Hamilton

THE Queen was said to be intrigued yesterday by the discovery that a 17th-century painting in her collection shows a lady in a state of undress with six toes on her right foot.

The 1663 painting by Jan Steen is on loan to the Rijksmusuem in Amsterdam where a sharp-eyed Dutch reporter noticed the extra digit. "We had no idea about the extra toe. This is very intriguing," a royal aide said.

The picture shows an unnamed lady of the Elizabethan age at her morning toilet with her hand resting on one foot. Extra toes and fingers were considered by Tudor society as a mark of ill-fortune: Anne Boleyn, who had six fingers on her right hand, was widely believed to be a witch.

The painting was in Buckingham Palace until 1991 when it was shown in the National Gallery, London. Last year it was displayed across America as part of the travelling Jan Steen exhibition which now takes it to Amsterdam. But English and American gallery-goers failed to notice the extra toe.

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*"I gather John Bryan's trying to buy it"*

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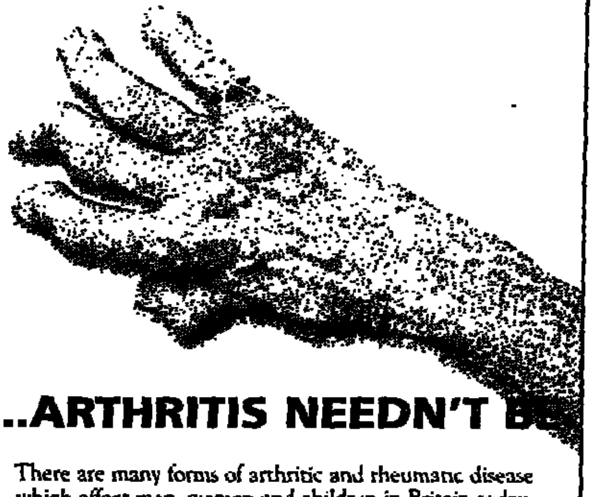

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There are many forms of arthritic and rheumatic disease which affect men, women and children in Britain today, causing unrelenting pain and disability in hands, wrists and joints throughout the body.

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# Hats off to the end of a tarnished era that some will recall as golden

**MATTHEW PARRIS**

POLITICAL SKETCH

MPs assembled at the Comons yesterday for the State Opening. H.G. Wells, writing 85 years ago, caught the spirit of the occasion: "A memory hangs about me of the House in the early afternoon, an inhumane desolation inhabited almost entirely by silk hats."

The hats have changed, but the desolation yesterday seemed, if anything, more intense.

Silk was no longer the order of the day, except for Bernie Grant. Returning to his roots, the Labour MP for Tottenham swept into the Chamber swathed in yards of pale blue silk, robed about him in the style of a West African chief, plus a blue silk hat.

Beside him, the Commons chaplain, who had turned up for prayers in a modest little outfit of crimson and gold, looked positively dowdy. He didn't even have a hat.

Elizabeth Peacock did. The Conservative MP for Batley & Spen wore, above a scarlet suit, a bowler-like creation swathed in what appeared to be black mosquito-netting. In royal blue, Marion Roe (C) was crowned by a big black hat pierced at the front by two enormous crossed arrows — our first fear being that, en route from her constituency of Broxbourne, Mrs Roe had been ambushed by a company of archers.

It was melancholy to watch them. Perhaps this was the last State Opening of an era. For Peter Shore (Lab, Bethnal Green & Stepney) it undoubtedly was: the brave and independent-minded former Cabinet Minister is not standing again. His lonely stand on defence was immensely controversial within Labour, before a modernised party adopted it as their own.

Unrobed, unthanked and without a hat, Mr Shore arrived early yesterday, watching the younger pups with mild and detached gaze. Opposite him, Douglas Hurd, also departing, seemed alone; not long ago colleagues and whips would have been tugging his sleeve for a word on this or that, and every journalist's eye would have been upon him.

How suddenly do fires which seemed to blaze steadily for years, fade! All at once, people who seemed to be part of every story, are part of none.

The debate that followed MPs' return from the Lords was ragged, sour and insubstantial. The Prime Minister looked by turns bored, tired or peeved. Whenever he departed from his text, Mr Major lapsed into the tones of a playground combatant, gleeful when he catches his rival out, aggrieved when he himself is tripped.

Tony Blair's countenance seemed to this observer to betray great strain. Perhaps it is just fatigue, or the curious angle (from above and to one side) from which I often see him, but in repose Mr Blair's facial muscles seem to knot into a strangely angry, frozen look. The suspense is killing him.

Both men, fired as they are by aggression, hope and anxiety, suppose it will never pass. Sir Edward Heath, who arrived early yesterday to join the parade, knows that all things do.

Sketchwriting for *The Morning Chronicle* 160 years ago, Charles Dickens describes an early incarnation of the great man: "There he stands, leaning on his stick; looking at the throng of Exquisites around him with most profound contempt; and conjuring up, before his mind's eye, the scenes he beheld in the old House, in days gone by, when his own feelings were fresher and brighter, and when, as he imagines, wit, talent, and patriotism flourished more brightly too."

One day, men who are young now will misremember yesterday's mean-spirited and fractious Commons, met this week for one last mean-spirited and fractious gasp, as some kind of a golden age. It is as well to remind ourselves that it was not.

# Dublin moves to speed Sinn Fein entry into talks

By Arthur Leathley and Audrey Magee

THE British and Irish Governments were at odds last night over moves to include Sinn Fein in cross-party Northern Ireland talks. Ministers in London were irritated when Dick Spring, the Irish deputy prime minister, said Sinn Fein could enter negotiations on Northern Ireland's future within weeks of an IRA ceasefire.

John Major immediately distanced himself from the call, amid signs that the British Government was preparing to impose tougher conditions before allowing Sinn Fein into talks.

Mr Major told the Commons that "even if a new ceasefire is declared, there will have to be more than soft words to convince the Government ... that it does not represent another tactical device to be abandoned at any convenient moment." Ministers suggest privately that Sinn Fein should have no place at the negotiations this side of a general election under any circumstances.

In the face of continuing terrorism, Mr Major is under pressure from Unionists to impose tougher restrictions to prevent Sinn Fein entering talks shortly after an IRA ceasefire. British sources appeared to move towards the demands last night, making clearer than before some specific tests that terrorist organisations will have to pass to show clear evidence that there is a lasting ceasefire. These include the ending of terrorist training, the targeting of individuals and buildings and the manufacture of weapons or bomb-making equipment.

Sinn Fein leaders are excluded from talks until there is a "credible" ceasefire and both governments have agreed that there must be no ministerial contacts with Sinn Fein until the IRA ends its current terrorist campaign.

But Mr Spring said yesterday there should be no delay once a ceasefire was declared: "It should happen quickly. Let's have momentum and get into the talks and have an inclusive peace process, at the end of which we have an agreed settlement and peace for all in Northern Ireland.

"The Mitchell principles [governing the talks process] are very clear and the ground rules are set out — let's have the ceasefire, let's get Sinn Fein into talks and let's have an inclusive process."

Mr Spring's remarks on RTE radio yesterday followed signals from Ulster's unionist leaders that they wanted firmer assurance of the durability of any fresh ceasefire ahead of Sinn Fein's entry into the negotiating process. Ministerial aides in London were quick to make clear that there had been no agreement between the two governments over timing. "Mr Spring is entitled to air his views but they are not our views," said a ministerial aide.

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, pressed John Major last week to rule out publicly Sinn Fein's inclusion within six months of a ceasefire. Pro-Unionist Tory MPs believe that, by setting a firm exclusion period, ministers would send a clear message to nationalist and loyalist terrorists that violence would scupper the prospects of their political allies being allowed into talks. They claim that the parties engaged in the faltering talks might proceed more swiftly if they know that Sinn Fein will not be admitted in the short-term.

According to the Dublin Government, Mr Spring was aware that British ministers were considering extending the time required before Sinn Fein could enter talks. Mr Spring spoke to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, earlier this week.

A Dublin spokesman said: "If the British are trying to up the ante by imposing time restrictions on Sinn Fein's entry into talks then that is extremely negative. Talking about substantial delays before Sinn Fein get into talks is exactly the type of thing that will delay a ceasefire."

CHRIS HARRIS

Bernie Grant, MP for Tottenham, at the State Opening of Parliament yesterday

# Major's U-turn on crime stuns the Commons

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opposition to minimum sentences for serious offenders.

They had feared that Labour, while not overtly opposing the stalkers and paedophile Bills, might have delayed them to prevent the Government pushing on with more populist legislation.

Mr Heseltine claimed a tactical victory. "We've exposed them. Tony Blair was making the most hypocritical statements about the intention of the Government to delay and to play party politics. The moment he makes a serious offer, we take it."

Privately, however, senior Tories saw Mr Major's speedy footwork as a deft move to take the heat out of the issue and to prevent the Government being outflanked in the raging debate for the moral high-ground.

Labour produced a letter from Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, to Mr Howard on Tuesday promising to support any government Bills on stalking and paedophiles.

Mr Blair had openly confronted the morality issue, blaming the Government for "tearing and fracturing" society. On crime, the state of the NHS and the economy, it was as if the Conservatives had "just landed from Mars" or been in exile for 17 years, accepting no responsibility for the consequences of their actions, he said.

The Tories' last hope was "a massive collective attack of national amnesia — that we forget the 22 tax rises, the VAT on fuel, the Black Wednesday, the BSE, the doubling of crime, the doubling of debt, the poll tax, the arms for Iraq, cash for questions, Scott, Nolan, the business failures, the negative equity, the job insecurity, the waste, the inefficiency, the incompetence of the most wasteful, inefficient and incompetent Government in living memory."

But Mr Major denounced Mr Blair's "sanctimonious" response to the legislative programme and gave a warning that any politician "should be very cautious about cloaking himself in righteousness". He said: "I don't know how he can disclaim responsibility for faults in society today when his own Labour Party has consistently championed every fashionable, politically correct cause that has undermined our traditional way of life."

Accusing the Opposition leader of being "evasive and misleading" about his own policies, the Prime Minister insisted Conservative policies had brought about low inflation, falling unemployment and "new hope and new investment" to the inner cities.

The theme of the Queen's speech was portrayed as "opportunity for all" with an education Bill allowing schools freedom to select 20 per cent of bright pupils, and to tighten discipline, and a health care Bill allowing surgeries to offer a "cottage hospital" range of treatments.

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# Farmers demand urgent action to lift beef ban

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

MORE than 2,000 farmers voiced their anger over the Government's handling of the BSE crisis at a protest rally in London yesterday and called for urgent negotiations to get the European Union ban on British beef lifted.

Sir David Naish, the president of the National Farmers' Union (NFU), drew loud applause as he declared: "I am appalled at the extent of government mismanagement and stupid delays that we have experienced throughout this whole catastrophic affair."

Farmers drove by coach from all over the country to the Central Methodist Hall, many carrying banners proclaiming "British beef is best" and "Give Hogg a roasting" — a reference to Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, whom they blame for worsening their plight. Sir David later delivered a box of beef joints, steak and mince from Devon cattle to 10 Downing Street. Similar unsolicited gifts of British beef were presented to the embassies of EU states in London.

The rally was overshadowed by the release of new scientific evidence pointing strongly to a link between recent cases of a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans and "mad cow" disease in cattle.

Sir David said: "Essentially the findings merely confirm what was already suspected. All the safeguards which have been put into place since the possibility of a link was disclosed on March 20 have assumed a worst-case scenario. Consumers need have no doubts about the safety of beef in the shops."

At the rally, Sir David called on the Government to proceed with a selective cull of 120,000 cattle identified as being at special risk of developing BSE, as agreed at the EU summit in Florence in June. That, he said, was the key to getting the export ban lifted.

"Repeated signals from our minister that there will be no significant selective cull — that the UK has changed its mind — are taken in the rest of Europe as meaning that the UK is breaking the Florence agreement."

To cheers, he added: "So, let us get on with the Florence agreement. Let us give ourselves the chance to export. Get your MP, particularly if he is a Conservative MP, to tell the minister to stop prevaricating."

Mr Hogg announced at the end of September that the plans for a selective cull had been suspended. He says he sees no point in the cull, which would require approval by Parliament, because most EU states are determined to maintain the beef ban whatever Britain does.

Sir David also called for help for livestock farmers in the hills, who depend heavily on beef production, and for a speeding-up of the separate cull of cattle over 30 months old. He said he would also continue to press for a restoration of the 10 per cent cut in the compensation paid for cattle culled under the 30-month scheme.

# Beef blamed for CJD

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scientific journal *Nature* — is based on comparing the size of proteins in the brain. All the spongiform encephalopathies are believed to be caused by an aberrant form of the prion protein, and the test provides a way of distinguishing between different versions of this rogue protein.

The prions are extracted from the brain, placed on a jelly-like material, and subjected to an electric field which makes them migrate across the gel, leaving a pattern. The team reports that the pattern from "new" CJD is quite different from that of normal CJD. It is, however, closely similar to that of BSE.

So far the test has been used only on brain tissue, but the team believes that samples from lymph nodes or tonsils may also harbour enough of the rogue prion to show up positive. Ultimately, even blood samples may be used.

# £12m sales for midweek lottery

By Carol Midgley

CAMELOT, the operator of the National Lottery, will collect an extra £12 million a week in ticket sales as a result of the new midweek draw, the company said yesterday. The jackpot would be £4 million and good causes would receive about £3.8 million a week.

Camelot said it was hoped the Wednesday draw would boost spending on the lottery, currently £67 million a week, by 20 per cent to combat a recent decline in interest. Camelot needed a second draw to fulfil its £32 billion total sales target by the end of its seven-year licence period.

The news was greeted with dismay by charities and anti-gambling groups. The General Synod, which believes the lottery encourages greed and raises false hope, repeated its call for an independent review of the game.

The Wednesday draw, due to be shown on BBC Television, is likely to begin in the new year and will have the same format of six numbers from 49 balls as the Saturday game.

Peter Davis, Director-General of Oflot, the lottery watchdog, gave the go-ahead for the new draw. He said: "The National Lottery Act 1993 does not permit me to take account of the effect on other competing bodies. Before deciding to licence the midweek draw, I considered Camelot's application carefully in the light of my statutory objectives to protect players, ensure propriety, and to maximise proceeds for the good causes."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### New Chief of General Staff named

General Sir Roger Wheeler, the senior military commander in Northern Ireland until March, was yesterday appointed the next Chief of the General Staff, the Army's top post. He will replace General Sir Charles Guthrie, who was confirmed last week as the next Chief of the Defence Staff. Sir Roger was chosen in preference to General Sir Michael Rose, who led the UN force in Bosnia.

### Dunblane threat

The Shooters Rights Association is threatening to bring manslaughter charges against Central Scotland Police over the Dunblane massacre, alleging negligence in granting a firearms certificate to the gunman, Thomas Hamilton. Police refused to comment about the proposed action. Free vote, page 13

### Incest rebuke

The Broadcasting Standards Council is to uphold 40 complaints about an incest scene featured in Channel 4's *Brookside*, according to a complainant who let slip on BBC's *Kilroy* that he had received notification from the council. The scene featured a brother and sister kissing while lying naked in bed.

### Instructor sacked

A senior driving instructor was given a suspended prison sentence by magistrates at Burton upon Trent after he drove his car while more than three times over the alcohol limit. John Gooch, 49, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, lost his job with the Driving Standards Agency after admitting the offence.

### Goldsmith rebel

Harold Matthews, a 68-year-old retired lift engineer and former prospective parliamentary candidate for the Referendum Party, has defected to the UK Independence Party, claiming Sir James Goldsmith does not go far enough. The UKIP wants Britain to break away from Europe completely.

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## Entrepreneur and Chelsea supporter was renowned for generosity and love of game

# Blues fan enjoyed a colourful life lived at the double

By Jason Nisse and Andrew Pierce

ONE piece of paper will determine the future of Chelsea Football Club, its ground at Stamford Bridge, the insurance company Benfield Group, the lives of two women and their five children, and the financial strength of the Labour Party. It is the will of Matthew Harding.

The death of the self-made tycoon, avid football fan, new Labour benefactor and unashamed man of the people, leaves a complex web of financial affairs. But the sophistication that Mr Harding, 42, brought to both his business and personal life is sure to show in the will lodged at his City solicitors.

Mr Harding's personal fortune, built up since joining Benfield as a teaboy 23 years ago, is estimated to stand at more than £120 million. This will be divided among his wife, Ruth, their four teenage children, who live at his £1 million home at Ditchling, East Sussex, and his Ecuadorean girlfiend, Vicky Jaramillo, 25, who two years ago bore him a daughter, Ella, and shares his new home in Richmond, southwest London.

Vicky Jaramillo had a child with Mr Harding

The will may include large charitable donations — he worked greatly for Mencap — but is not expected to provide any more to the Labour Party. Mr Harding, who had never voted Labour before let alone been a member of the party, sprang a surprise on the political establishment with the announcement of a £1 million donation. The cash was used to pay for Labour's poster campaign, Same Old Tories, Same Old Lies.

Mr Harding said at the time of the donation: "I feel that what new Labour under Tony Blair's leadership is trying to do is the right thing. In America you can be fabulously wealthy, be a Democrat, and nobody blinks an eyelid. I never believed that being wealthy means being Tory. Labour has a greater understanding of enterprise." The entrepreneur balanced his life between the two homes as well as he balanced the division between his life as a City businessman and company director and his loyalty to the Chelsea fans with whom he has travelled to games for more 30 years.

On match days Mr Harding could be found drinking Guinness and eating oysters in the Imperial Arms on the King's Road, sporting a Chelsea shirt which he would swap for a smart suit to take his seat in the director's box, often next to the Prime Minister. Last season he was told off for trying to sneak cans of lager into the directors' box at Wembley for the FA Cup semi-final.

At his office in the City, he would often launch into football chants while discussing complex deals in the insurance market. Benfield, where he held a 33 per cent stake which paid him £3.25 million in its most recent financial year, has a reputation for well-executed and innovative transations and for treating its relatively young staff well. The average salary is £166,000. Tony Burridge, another Benfield director, also died in the crash.

PAUL WILSON

Matthew Harding, front left, making his way from the helicopter on Tuesday shortly before the crash. He is with the balloonist Per Lindstrand

Mr Harding became a backer of Chelsea after offering £5 million to help to build the new north stand at Stamford Bridge. He soon became embroiled in the team's battles with its landlords and settled the matter by buying the freehold of the site. He was invited onto the board by the club chairman, Ken Bates. But the two have not been close, despite a supposed peace deal in the summer which gave Mr Harding a 25.6 per cent stake in the club. At one point Mr Bates tried to ban him from the directors' box and cancelled his parking space. Mr Harding's reaction was: "Never mind — I'll go and sit in the north stand. I presume that's all right. After all, I did pay for it."

Throughout his involvement with Chelsea, Mr Harding's intention was to build a stable financial environment that would allow the team to thrive. His 14-year-old son, Luke, is also an avid fan. His stake, worth £28 million, is now expected to be sold.

Mr Harding's success came despite failing economics and history A levels. He passed only one, Latin, with a D grade. Abingdon boarding school, near Oxford, which he attended for seven years, flew its flag at half-mast yesterday. Michael St John Parker, the headmaster, told how Mr Harding had been embarrassed at his lack of academic achievement. "He used to make a joke out of his undistinguished school career and he certainly didn't achieve any distinction here."

Mr Parker said that the former pupil had been generous to the school, both financially and with his time. "He donated lots of money to the school and even helped to build our new careers room where he would hold court with the pupils and dish out advice on business."

Residents of Ditchling also remembered Mr Harding's generosity, and his passionate involvement in village football. Despite his separation from wife, Ruth, he remained a familiar figure in the village, where he had lived for nearly ten years. He would often attend derby matches at the local Hassocks Football Club and cheer on his three sons in junior matches. Mr Harding recently donated £18,000 for floodlights at to Hassocks FC, where he was vice-chairman, and had donated half an acre of his land to build a green for the millennium in Ditchling.

Mr Harding's parents, Paul and Prudence, and his sister, Grace, all lived only a few miles away. They are understood to have travelled to Cheshire yesterday to identify the body.

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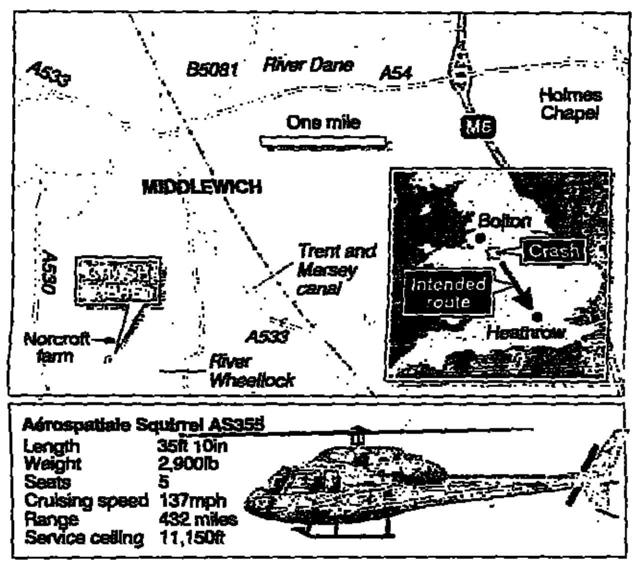
# Crash team seek evidence of defect

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

AIR accident investigators were searching last night for the helicopter's engines, gear box and tail rotor in an effort to establish whether it had suffered a mechanical defect before crashing into a field and ploughing on into a line of trees.

The pilot may have been trying to make an emergency landing after suffering an engine failure as he flew at around 2,000ft over Cheshire towards Heathrow.

They were also studying the impact marks to find out how fast it was moving when it hit the ground and whether the pilot had selected an "autorotation" — when the rotor blades are allowed to windmill freely to enable the helicopter to descend slowly. Before doing so the pilot would have looked out for a dark area in which to attempt to land.



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Early evidence suggests that the helicopter came down very quickly while still travelling forward and hit the ground with such force that it broke up. Helicopters do not carry "black box" flight data or cockpit voice-recording equipment and it was not under direct air traffic control at the time of the accident.

But several witnesses said they had heard a helicopter apparently having problems with its engine and then seen something falling from the sky. The night was clear and fine and the French-made Aérospatiale Squirrel AS355 was travelling south at around 130mph.

Because he planned to fly to Heathrow, the pilot, Michael Goss, had filed a flight plan and would have been free to fly at heights of up to between 1,500 and 2,000 feet in uncontrolled airspace until he was within the Heathrow control zone.

The twin-engined Squirrel was fitted with the latest safety equipment, including sophisticated navigation aids and radios. It is renowned for its reliability and sturdiness and is regarded as a favourite among pilots.

There are 857 helicopters registered in Britain and there has been only one fatal crash this year. There has not been a fatality involving a public transport helicopter since 1989.

The number of helicopter accidents throughout the world fell to 209 last year, compared with 272 in the previous year. Most were in the United States, where helicopters are far more widely used.

Investigators say that 90 of the 209 accidents were caused by pilot error, with 42 caused by engine failure and 34 by weather.

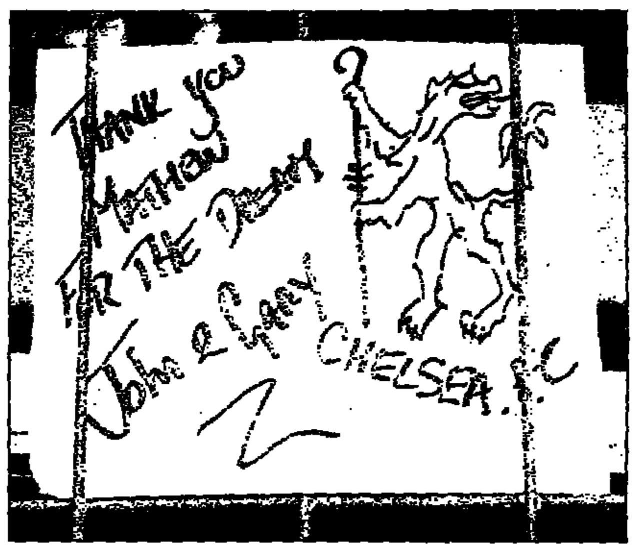
# The lads weep for one of their own

By Bill Frost

CLUTCHING bunches of white carnations mixed with blue irises, three burly scaffolders yesterday laid their floral tribute to Matthew Harding at the gates of Stamford Bridge.

Ted, all tattoos and grimy tears, said that he had never cried in public before and probably never would again. His mates also allowed grief to overcome embarrassment on the day that Chelsea Football Club mourned the loss of a millionaire superfan with the common touch.

The scaffolders, part of the human tide of grieving supporters which swept over the ground on Fulham Road in southwest London yesterday, had rubbed shoulders with stockbrokers, estate agents and the unemployed as they waited to lay their flowers. Harding's lifelong passion for Chelsea, his largesse to the club and his love of life touched them all.



In memory: one of the messages at Stamford Bridge

The gates soon became obscured by bunches of flowers in blue and white, the club's colours. There were flags and football shirts too.

Some of the bouquets had been made up by the most expensive florists in Chelsea. Others were hastily mixed at barrows in the nearby North End Road Market. A silent honour guard of grim-faced children stood watch over the shrine. They had laid their tributes early, but would stay all day.

A fading Chelsea shirt hanging from the main gates had the message: "Matthew — number one Chelsea Fan. RIP." It was signed by James Hall, aged 9.

Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon chairman, arrived early to lay his wreath to his friend. He said: "Matthew loved the game, he loved life and everybody loved him."

Mark Pulver, vice-president of the Chelsea Independent Supporters Association and another close friend, had been driving back from the defeat at Bolton when he heard an explosion and saw flames from the road. Mr Pulver, 40, pulled his car to the verge, allowing fire engines to pass. He did not know what had happened.

He suggested that the new South Stand should be named in Mr Harding's honour: "He put the fun back into football here. He had no airs or graces. He put his money where his mouth was. He was just your typical lad."

Last Saturday Mr Harding went with his father to the Imperial Arms on New King's Road, his local when Chelsea played at home. Afterwards, he caught a bus home.

# Captain denies trying to kiss fancy dress shipmate

By Emma Wilkins

A ROYAL Navy captain who is accused of trying to kiss a woman midshipman at a fancy dress party dismissed the allegations yesterday as outrageous.

The 39-year-old veteran of the Falklands war, who can not be named for legal reasons, admitted that he might have touched Claire McGarrity, 25, while on the bridge of his warship. Any contact was, however, designed to move her out of the way so that he could reach navigation charts, he said.

Miss McGarrity, who left the Royal Navy in July last year, is seeking compensation for alleged sexual discrimination at an industrial tribunal in Exeter. "I don't recall putting my hands on her hips, but I could well have done so while trying to move her," the captain told the hearing.

"If I touched her and she was offended I can only apologise, but the bridge of a warship in difficult and dangerous waters and poor weather is a very busy place."

Miss McGarrity's claim that the captain tried to kiss her at a fancy dress party in the Falklands while he was dressed as Julius Caesar and she was a Roman centurion was untrue, he said.

"I do not recall if I danced with McGarrity. If she said I did, then I did. It's quite appropriate that I should dance with the officers, but the suggestion that I tried to kiss her is outrageous.

"I certainly did not. I do not behave in that sort of fashion and I think it is also fairly outrageous for her to say that some of our married officers were in clinches. It's a pity they are not here to defend themselves," he said.

Miss McGarrity's claim that male officers had watched a pornographic film in the wardroom on board ship was ridiculous, he said. "No officer would take the risk of showing a pornographic video.

"They all knew my orders and the way I ran the ship. There would have been disciplinary proceedings if they were caught and it may well go to court martial."

The captain said he had recommended that Miss McGarrity should be withdrawn from her training course because her attitude and motivation were disappointing. His recommendation was not approved and she went on for further training on *HMS Cornwall* before returning to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

The tribunal heard she was recommended by the college for withdrawal from training because it was considered she did not have the integrity or character for a naval officer. The Royal Navy claims she was sent home on leave but Miss McGarrity considered she had left the service. Later, when told that she could rejoin the college, she resigned after deciding returning was not in her best interests.

The tribunal has ruled that neither the captain nor the ship should be identified. The hearing was adjourned until today.

# Mystery of recluse's 'suicide'

By Damian Whitworth

THE apparent suicide of a millionaire recluse who was found dead in his fume-filled car was being treated by police yesterday as murder.

Lawrence Dabbs, 74, a retired company director, was found in the garage of his bungalow in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, on September 13.

Detective Superintendent Kelvyn Ashby, of Derbyshire police, said: "He had been taken to hospital twice just before his death. On both occasions he was found comatose with no apparent reason for it."

Police said Mr Dabbs was known to have made some enemies. They carried out a number of searches in the Ilkeston area yesterday which resulted in eight men helping the investigation. Five were later arrested.

Peter Ashworth, the Derby and South Derbyshire Coroner, opened and adjourned an inquest into Mr Dabbs's death when it was still being treated as a suicide. Mr Dabbs's body has been cremated.

# Cheque 'stolen from Bank of England'

By A Staff Reporter

A MIDDLE-AGED couple took part in an elaborate plot to grab a fortune of nearly £10 million with the help of the only cheque ever stolen from the Bank of England, a court was told yesterday.

It involved forged signatures, letters of authority faxed from a veterinary practice, and an impressive instruction from a bogus firm of solicitors allegedly acting for the Nationwide Building Society, it was claimed.

But before the potentially "catastrophic" swindle could succeed, a bank manager became suspicious, made inquiries and called in the police, London's Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court was told. Peter Garnett, 54, a business consultant, was arrested as he turned up to collect £50,000 of the money. His wife Linda, 52, an accountant, was detained later at work.

She refused to answer questions but her husband told detectives that the cheque for £9,768,453 had been handed to him on the concourse of King's Cross station, London, by someone he was unable to contact. Brendan Finucane, for the prosecution, told the jury that the cheque had been stolen from inside the Bank of England. "It is believed to be the only one that ever has been. It is an unusual situation that any cheque should disappear from there." The cheque related to a Treasury account that the building society held at the Bank.

Mr Garnett and his wife of Bermondsey, south London, deny a joint charge of conspiring with others unknown to defraud Nationwide. The case continues today.

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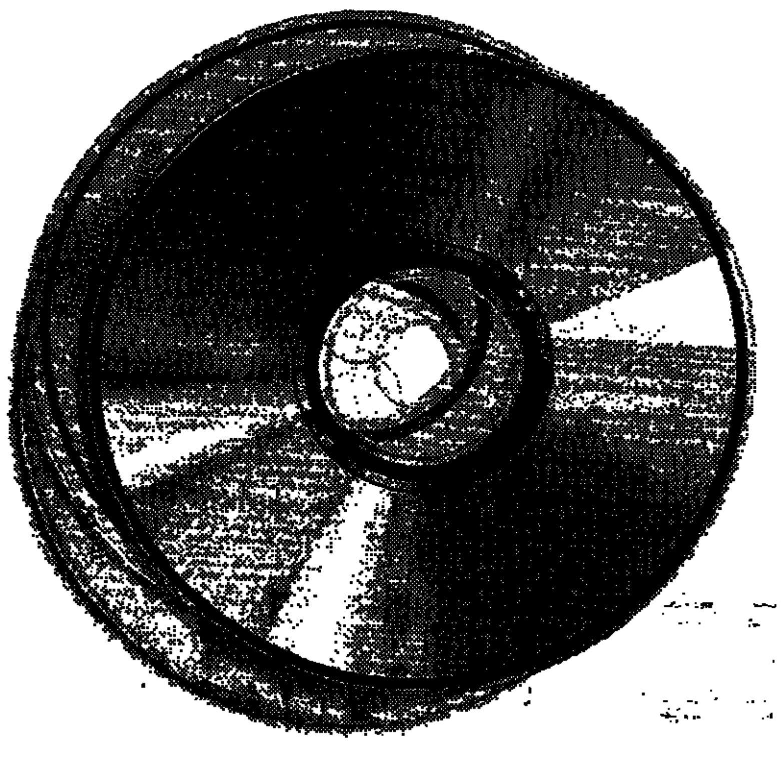

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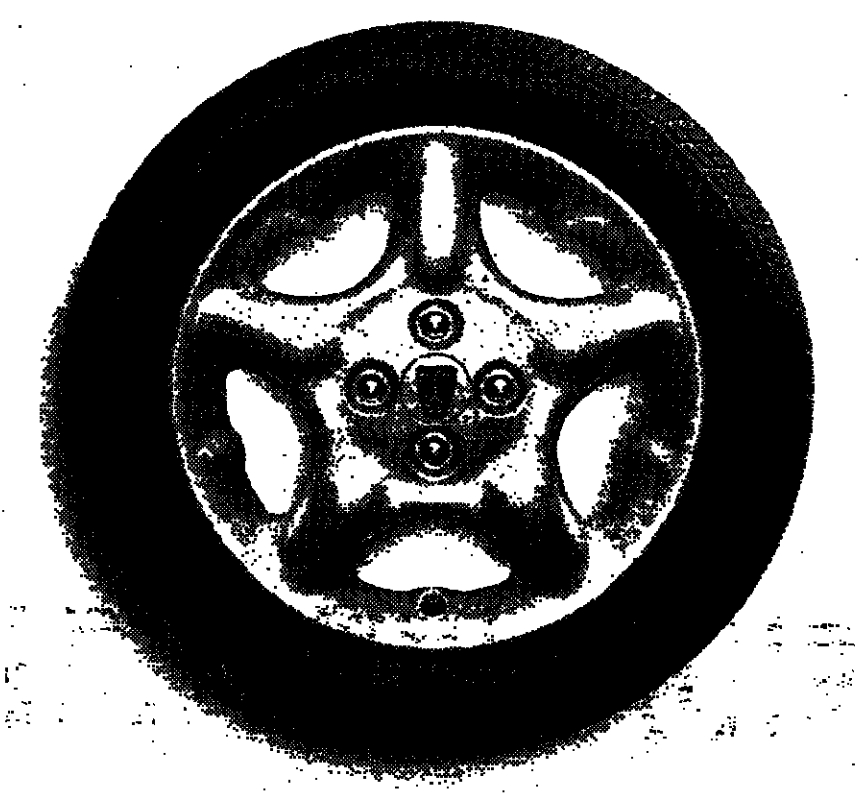

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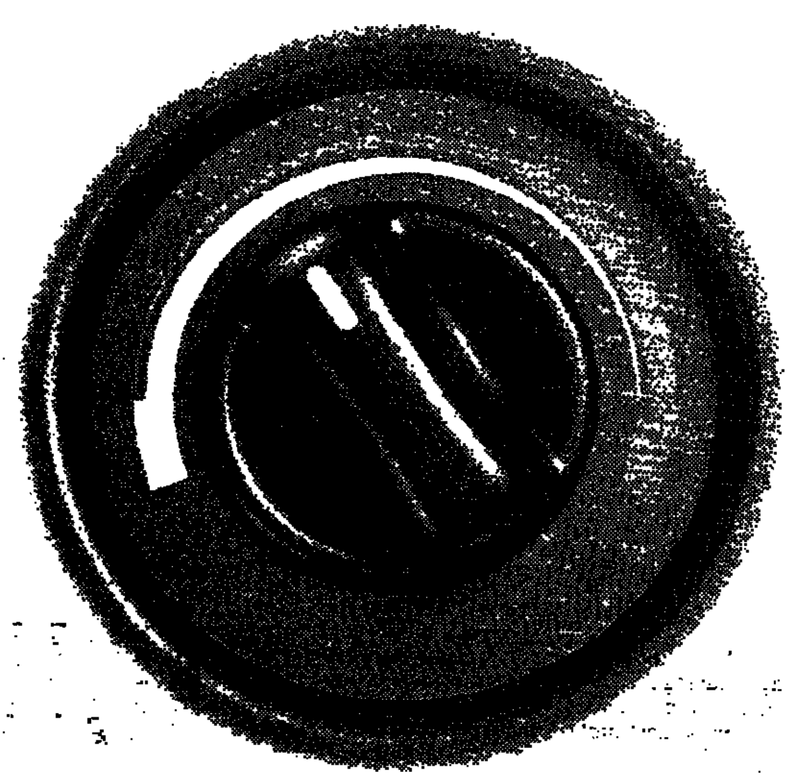

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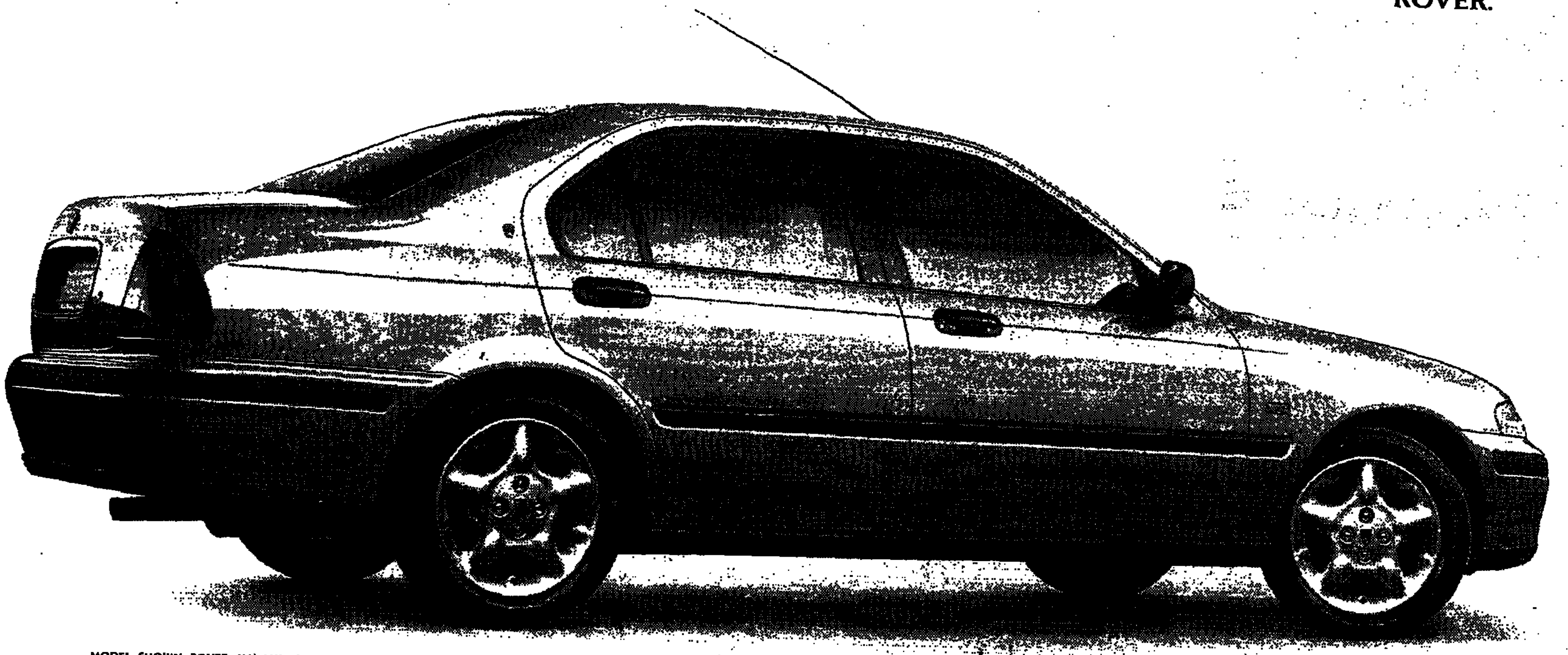

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## Brain study backs tobacco folklore

# Drink to forget, or have a smoke to help the memory

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

IT WAS always said that some people drink to forget. Now it is claimed that smoking may be a way to help to remember.

Scientists have shown that nicotine, the active ingredient in tobacco smoke, improves the memory by stimulating the transmission of nerve impulses in the part of the brain involved in learning.

The finding may have implications for sufferers from Alzheimer's disease, in which the opposite process takes place. Studies have already shown that smokers have a delayed risk of the disease compared with non-smokers, if they live long enough.

The idea that tobacco improves memory has long been part of the folklore of smoking. In a 1659 book lauding "the Wonderful Vertues of Tobacco", Dr Giles Everard claimed that smoking a pipe strengthened the memory. Unlike other alleged virtues he found in the weed, this one has stood up to scientific scrutiny.

In a study partially funded by the Smokeless Tobacco Research Council, an industry body that promotes the non-smoking use of tobacco in products such as snuff and chewing tobacco, researchers from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, led by Dr John Dani, investigated the effect of nicotine on cells from the hippocampus area of the brain.

At levels typically found in the blood during smoking, they report in *Nature*, nicotine enhanced the transmission of nerve impulses. It appears to do so by mimicking the effect of acetylcholine, a chemical messenger which stimulates the release of other messengers.

The process involves the activation of acetylcholine receptors at junctions between the brain cells, the synapses. This provokes the release of calcium ions and of neurotransmitters. The research fits in with previous psychological studies which show that smoking is linked to improvements in memory.

Other researchers have shown that nicotine also affects receptors in other parts of the brain, notably those governing mood, emotions and alertness. Dr Lorna Role, of Columbia University in New York, says: "Nicotine is a sneaky drug. It is interacting with these receptors and tremendously boosting the strength of the signals between brain cells."

☐ Newly uncovered documents show that a tobacco industry scientist argued nearly 40 years ago that a suspected carcinogen should be removed from Marlboro cigarettes, or at least reduced.

A metabolite of the chemical benzopyrene has been shown to damage DNA in the way shown by smokers who develop lung cancer. In 1958, J.E. Lincoln, who became Philip Morris's vice-president for research, warned of the dangers of benzopyrene. In a memo, he said: "This compound must be removed or sharply reduced. We do this not because we think it is harmful, but because those who are in a better position to know than ourselves suspect it may be harmful." His comments, apparently unsuccessful, are being used as part of Mississippi's lawsuit to force the tobacco industry to reimburse state costs for caring for sick smokers.

ROBIN MAYES

Arthur Leatham, left, "the man who shot half the museum" and the curator, Dr David Smith, with a gorilla skeleton that sold for £3,000

# Victorian body count adds up to £80,000 for Eton museum

By Alan Hamilton

NOSTALGIC Old Etonians vied with antiques dealers yesterday to bid for the politically incorrect relics of Eton's natural history museum, a musky and rather moth-eaten hangover of empire.

Big-game trophies, stuffed and mounted eagles, a gorilla skeleton and even a common ferret — many the victims of old boys when slaughter was the height of fashion — went under the hammer for a total of £80,000, twice the estimate made by Bonhams, the auctioneers. The money will be used to re-equip the museum to the more scientific and less bloodthirsty needs of today's A-level biology students.

Many of the trophies, including the head and half the neck of a giraffe, which made £400, were given to the museum by Albert Leatham, a legendary Old Etonian who blasted his way through most of the world at the turn of the century and who wrote of his exploits in *Sport in Five Continents*. Among the 20 or more specimens he slew and donated were three red deer, a hippo, a rhino and a warthog. He is still remembered as "the man who shot half the museum".

Dr David Smith, the curator, said: "He was an amazing chap, but also very modest. Nowhere in his book does he mention that he went to Eton, and he even admits that he was not a terribly good shot."

The museum, now largely cleared of the creatures that once adorned its walls, is keeping one of Leatham's specimens — an Ichang deer he shot in the mountains of central China in 1904 and which had not previously been known to exist.

Leatham, a pupil at Eton from 1873 to 1876, was a big-game hunter straight from the pages of Rider Haggard. In one chapter of his book he writes of his exploits in India. After downing a few meat lozenges for breakfast, he spent hours stalking a stag and then another three hauling the trophy back to camp. In Somaliland he bagged an 8ft lion — his first — which took three bullets to kill and snapped a small tree in its death throes.

In another chapter Leatham told of shooting a grizzly bear in British Columbia. "When he got nearly to the base of the cliff and I saw him clear the trees I sat down and, taking deliberate aim, hit him between the shoulders and he dropped dead in his tracks."

Today's Etonians have less interest in bagging big cats, and in recent years the museum has failed to attract more than a trickle of pupils or the general public. In its new guise it will concentrate on ecology and genetics.

The top price of the day, £3,000, was paid by an anonymous buyer for the mounted gorilla skeleton. A pair of lions in a glass case, shot by Lord Wolverton, in Somaliland in 1893, made £1,800, a desert lynx £2,000 and a snow leopard £1,700. The ferret went for £380.

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# Farewell party puts host into heavens

By Robin Young and Adam Fresco

A MAN called Roger is to make his last exit as a sprinkling of stardust in the night sky at a firework party for his family and friends.

His first name has been emblazoned on the side of a 5ft rocket specially built by a firework company to contain his ashes. His family — whose surname is not being revealed — made the arrangements in accordance with his last wishes.

Roger died of cancer two months ago, leaving a widow, a son aged 10 and a daughter aged 9, in Powys. Last night his widow said that he saw the idea of the rocket party in an American press report: "He thought it was a wonderful way to face death. We all discussed it together and it was treated as a joke.

"Most of our relatives don't know about it yet, but the ones that do say it is in keeping with his character. He would have to go out with a bang. He wanted a party with friends and family. It's bring a bottle and watch the rocket."

Their two children also liked the idea, she said.

They found the firework company through Yellow Pages. Jon Culverhouse, managing director of Fantastic Fireworks in Pepperstock, Bedfordshire, said: "This is certainly the most extraordinary order we have ever had."

Mr Culverhouse received the ashes of the deceased packed in a bag last week, and yesterday they were incorporated into one of the firm's largest rockets. Some of the firework assemblers at the factory asked to be excused from the task.

He said that his company would not be charging for the firework, a German make costing £15, which is the biggest he is allowed to sell to the public: "It is our gesture of sympathy to the widow and her family. Her husband will go out in a trail of as much glory as we are able to provide. We mixed some ounces of the ashes with some star effects, so it will look really good."

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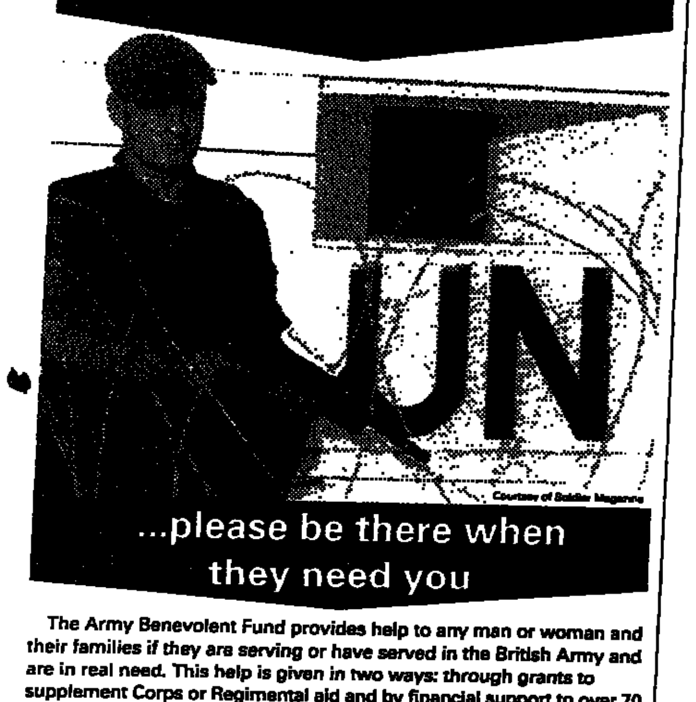

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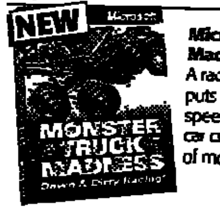

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# Judge attacks decision to put boy with brutal father

By A Staff Reporter

A JUDGE who jailed a father for ten years for brutalising his 21-month-old son said a social services decision to place the boy with him "beggared belief". Judge Ian McLean told Philip Scammell and Jill Mills, Scammell's former girlfriend, that it was "a merciful release" that the child eventually died.

The court was told that Ryan Crossett had two broken ankles, a fractured skull and was covered in bite marks and burns when his body was found. The torture he endured included being held against a burning radiator, having a key screwed into his neck and being forced to sit on a potty all day. Although Ryan's death was caused by a respiratory illness, post-mortem examinations revealed he had suffered the most appalling cruelty and neglect.

Judge McLean told Scammell and Mills it was the gravest case of its kind he had ever come across. "No one will ever know the truth about the way in which you brutalised that little boy.

"It was a merciful release when he died, because who knows what you would have thought of next. The last hours of that child's life have never been fully disclosed because the bizarre accounts given by both of you cannot be believed."

Jill Mills and Philip Scammell were jailed for cruelty

Sentencing Scammell, 28, a window cleaner, he added: "It is said you have feelings of remorse, but no one apart from your counsel has ever seen them. The maximum sentence is to be reserved for the gravest cases and I see no reason to part from that."

He then asked if social services were conducting an inquiry, adding: "I would like to know whether an unoccupied house, cold, without heating, full of beer bottles, where men play cards, is a suitable home for a child to be placed. That decision beggars belief."

Mills, 38, of Calmore, near Totton, Hampshire, was sentenced to six years after admitting causing Ryan grievous bodily harm, including holding him against a radiator, and four years for two charges of cruelty, the sentences to run concurrently.

Scammell, also of Calmore, was found guilty of two charges of cruelty earlier this month. Two male members of the jury who convicted him returned to Southampton Crown Court for the sentencing yesterday and wept openly in the public gallery.

Nicholas Haggan, for the prosecution, said Ryan's mother, Carol Crossett, had been in a relationship with Scammell in 1993, but they had split up before Ryan's birth. She was unable to cope with him and he was placed in care.

Mr Haggan said that Hampshire County Council's social services department placed Ryan with his father, who made an arrangement with Mills, who had two children, to look after him at her home while he was at work. Ryan died after being held against a radiator and burnt, placed in a cold bath and then put to bed.

A spokesman for Hampshire social services said a review had found no single agency or individual was to blame, but there had been shortcomings in social service and health service communications and procedures. Its recommendations were now being considered.

Ryan Crossett, whose death was "a merciful release"

# Neighbour tells of girl's terror

By A Staff Reporter

THE 12-year-old daughter of a wealthy couple who left their children in squalor was made to scrub floors while they entertained dinner guests, a court was told yesterday.

The girl and her six brothers and sisters were dressed in ragged, urine-soaked clothes while their mother and stepfather drove a BMW and ate and dressed well, Bristol Crown Court was told.

The couple, who cannot be named, are jointly charged with ten counts of cruelty over an 11-year period. The 34-year-old stepfather of the girl, referred to as Miss X, also faces two charges of rape and two of indecent assault against her. They deny all the charges.

A neighbour at Malmesbury, Wiltshire, said she never saw the girl do anything but housework. "I saw her do the washing and the Hoovering. I saw her clear up the bedrooms, clear up the front room and the stairs — things I would do in the home. I was over there one evening around 11.15 and 11.30pm and she was still doing housework.

"Little Miss X used to break down to me. She was old before her time. She had the world on her shoulders while other 12-year-olds were starting make-up and fashion. She was very low and depressed."

The child, who had no room of her own and had to sleep on a sofa, was "absolutely terrified" of her stepfather.

The neighbour said that she once had to make a meal for the seven children out of one tin of beans and sausages from the freezer.

A nanny who looked after three girls and two boys for the couple described her 12 weeks at their home as "complete hell". She said: "The house was in a horrible state. It absolutely stank upstairs."

While the children went hungry, their parents brought home large Indian takeaways and gave the leftovers to the youngsters for their breakfast, the nanny said.

"The food was scarce. To try and get a meal together for the five children and myself was very difficult. There was an abundance of milk, crackers and dried potato. I had to make some meals with these. My parents came to visit me every Wednesday and I told them to bring food."

The case continues.

# Killer that can take 60 years to strike

By Valerie Elliott
*Whitehall Editor*

DEATHS from asbestos-related disease are likely to go on rising for up to 25 years, the Health and Safety Commission said yesterday. The increase is blamed on the exposure of workers many years ago when conditions were less strictly controlled.

Frank Davies, chairman of the commission, said: "The rates in younger people, who have had less exposure, are falling, but we are still very concerned about the potential exposure of contractors and others to asbestos already in buildings."

About 1,200 people a year die from a form of cancer known as mesothelioma, and most cases are probably caused by asbestos. Men who started work in the 1950s and 1960s are identified as most likely to die from this cancer, according to the commission's annual report yesterday.

Controls on asbestos were introduced in 1969, and its use was considerably reduced in the mid-70s, but the number of deaths could rise to a peak of 3,300 a year because there is a delay of 15 to 60 years between exposure and death.

Since 1980 there have been three times as many disability benefit claims for asbestiosis and 427 new cases were reported last year. Most have been men who worked in ports or dockyards — asbestos was used in ship insulation — and this is reflected in the number of deaths in shipping areas.

There have also been a high number of deaths in areas associated with railway engineering, where asbestos was used to insulate carriages. Far fewer women die from asbestos-related diseases. Female victims usually worked in the manufacture of gas masks or in asbestos textile industries.

☐ *Health and Safety Annual Report 1995-96*, £16, and *Health and Safety Statistics 1995-96*, £13.50 (HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 6FS)

# Scheme to save mills backed by Prince

By Marcus Binney

THE Prince of Wales is backing a multimillion-pound initiative to breathe life into empty Yorkshire and Lancashire textile mills and canalside warehouses. The scheme, Regeneration through Heritage, will be launched today by Business in the Community, which represents the top 400 British companies.

Fred Taggart, the director of the initiative, said: "We're not just inviting the private sector to write us a cheque, but to get involved in creating and sustaining jobs. We will be developing projects jointly with English Heritage, English partnerships and other employment initiatives."

One scheme aims to convert the vast Centenary Mill in Preston into a centre for fashion excellence for the local — mainly Asian — denim industry. The scheme includes a "virtual-reality catwalk" enabling foreign buyers to buy from computer screens. Mr Taggart said: "We hope to secure 3,000 jobs from foreign competition and generate many more."

In Wakefield, west Yorkshire, the Prince is backing a proposal to convert the long disused 18th-century navigation warehouse beside the canal into flats, workshops and restaurants. At Sowerby Bridge, a warehouse is to be restored as the headquarters for the local sea scouts with workshop units above.

The initiative is being launched at Saltaire, the model town laid out by Sir Titus Salt. Jonathan Silver, who has restored the mill there, said: "When we began we had nearly a million square feet of decaying industrial space. Now it's all restored and occupied without a penny of grant. The key is to find the sandwich of art, industry and retailing. We have three storeys of art gallery devoted to David Hockney, as well as Pace microtechnology, who make the decoders for satellite television and employ 1,000."

# What Queen thought of suffragette martyr

By John Shaw

A TELEGRAM from Queen Alexandra to the jockey who was injured when a suffragette died as she ran in front of the King's horse during the 1913 Derby is being sold in London next month.

It reads: "Queen Alexandra was very sorry indeed to read of your sad accident caused through the abominable conduct of a brutal lunatic woman." Emily Davison's death, a turning point in the campaign for women's suffrage, is preserved in a flickering piece of newsreel film that has become part of racing history.

Herbert Jones, the royal jockey, was badly hurt in the collision but recovered to ride many other winners for royal owners and the 1919 Derby on Minoru. The telegram is expected to fetch about £700 at Sotheby's on November 13.

Although Davison's action is now seen as a dramatic demonstration on behalf of the cause of votes for women, Jones claimed that her dramatic gesture was accidental, rather than deliberate. He maintained that she mistakenly thought the field had cleared Tattenham Corner, the apex of which obscured the stragglers, including his horse, Anmer.

In later years the jockey was said to have been haunted by the "look of horror" on Davison's face seconds before the accident. The Queen's telegram is part of a collection of memorabilia being sold by the Jones family in an auction devoted to racing.

It will go under the hammer with an album of press cuttings filled with articles about the incident from newspapers all over the world. The meticulously assembled cuttings offer a record of the day's racing and contemporary reaction to Davison's gesture.

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# Shephard puts team of assessors into strike-threat school

By David Charter and Paul Wilkinson

THE Government will ask the Chief Inspector of Schools today to send an emergency team of assessors into the west Yorkshire school where teachers are threatening to strike unless 61 "unteachable" pupils are expelled.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is believed to be concerned that parents would not send their children back to The Ridings School in Halifax after half-term this week unless swift action was taken to calm their fears. She wants inspectors to report back as early as next week and is not prepared to wait for a local authority visit planned for December.

Staff in the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers were casting their strike votes yesterday, but the result is not expected until next week. They claim the 61 children are out of control and that the management is in crisis after the resignation two weeks ago of the head teacher.

However, the Rev Stanley Brown, the chairman of governors, urged the 38 teachers in a letter to think very carefully before voting in favour of industrial action. The teachers called the strike ballot last week after three incidents in which pupils assaulted staff.

Yesterday Mr Brown said the attitude of the union, which represents all but four of the Ridings teaching staff, was very disappointing. "A package of measures was introduced to support the school from the start of this term," he said.

"We have been working recently to provide additional facilities to allow genuinely disruptive pupils to be withdrawn from the classroom and taught in more appropriate ways." He said that he hoped the appointment of a new head teacher would bring "a fresh start". The present head teacher, Karen Stansfield, has blamed exhaustion for her decision to leave.

Mr Brown added: "There are hundreds of sensible and contented pupils. There are unfortunately a small number of disturbed and disruptive children."

But Brian Garvey, the union's Yorkshire representative on its national executive committee, said: "This so-called package of measures they say they introduced this term amounts to nothing more that a series of meetings to discuss the problems. We are now beyond that."

The governors will meet in emergency session on Tuesday, when the results of the ballot are known. The teachers are expected to come down strongly in favour of a strike.

The mother of a Ridings pupil said yesterday that she would not let her 13-year-old son return to school because he had been teased about his dyslexia and beaten. Julie Whiley said Kieron would only go back when the school got rid of bullies.

She said: "Some of the teachers are frightened of the pupils and' there are not enough teachers to handle the children, but I blame the parents as well."

Jacqueline Taylor, whose daughter Sarah, 13, was expelled for pushing a teacher and then re-instated on appeal, attacked the teachers' strike threat. "The children are not that bad at the school and it is their job to teach. Who are they to strike?"

## Sacking to be investigated

**The Charity Commission is to question the governors of a public school which ordered its headmaster to quit. It decided to step in after hundreds of parents complained when it was announced that Peter Wilkes, head of Cheltenham College, was to leave next August. Mr Wilkes, 56, was sacked after the college slumped in the A-level league tables from 147th in 1995 to 205th this year.**

JOHN COBB

Fiona Thake outside York College for Girls yesterday. She says the move to shut the school threatens her A levels

# Head girl to fight closure in court

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

THE head girl of a school facing sudden closure warned governors yesterday that she would fight their decision in the European Court of Human Rights. Fiona Thake, 17, said the move by the Church Schools Company to shut York College for Girls would severely disrupt the final year of her A levels.

Parents gathered at the school near York Minster yesterday and said they would apply for an injunction if the company did not change its decision by noon tomorrow.

Miss Thake said: "My future could be ruined. My dream is to be a doctor and my A-level exams are crucial. This decision jeopardises my results and could affect my career."

The company, which is chaired by Lady Prior, wife of the former Conservative minister Jim Prior, said closure was inevitable because pupil numbers were declining. Parents say the company told them it would spend £100,000 a year on the school for three years when it took it over in 1994, saving it from a merger with The Mount School, another all-girls school in the city.

Miss Thake said that, by closing the school, whose motto is *Not For Ourselves Alone*, in the middle of the year, the company was breaching an agreed contact to educate the pupils until at least July 1997.

The number of girls' schools has been falling steadily in recent years through closures and mergers. The Independent Schools Information Service said there were 386 girls' schools in 1994, compared to 455 in 1985.

Fiona's father, Phillip, an accountant, said: "My daughter has a right to a proper education and the CSC has committed itself, as I committed myself by paying her fees, to provide that education. What they have done is unlawful and I intend to sue."

The company has offered places to pupils at Lincoln Minster School, more than 80 miles away, and at Hull High School, 40 miles away. It has also offered to pay a grant to cover costs of new school uniforms and to transfer bursaries and scholarships.

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# Policewomen 'are promoted unfairly'

By Damian Whitworth

A POLICE officer claimed yesterday that he had been passed over for promotion in favour of female colleagues with less experience. Inspector Graham Seal said that he was among several male officers in the Essex force who were the victims of sex discrimination.

Mr Seal told an industrial tribunal that he encountered the bias when he was trying to climb the ladder from sergeant to inspector, and the experience, in 1994, led him to launch his own investigation. "There was a lack of consistency," said Mr Seal, who eventually secured promotion this year. He said that he respected his female colleagues, but added: "The age and length of service and credibility and experience is not assessed the same as [for] a male candidate."

He said that his investigations found that in 1994 a total of 189 male officers qualified to apply for promotion but only 11 were successful. Yet three female officers clinched promotion when only nine were qualified to apply.

That year, after 19 years with the police force, eight of them as a sergeant and with "extensive" experience as an acting inspector, Mr Seal went before the interview boards and failed to gain promotion. He said he had been "very upset" but got over his disappointment until he heard about the case of a female colleague, identified at the tribunal only as Sergeant A.

He said three male officers were not given interviews despite recommendation, yet a senior officer with no experience of working with Sergeant A made a personal representation and sat on the board that promoted her. He formally submitted a grievance in January 1995 despite, he said, the stress it caused him because of his loyalty to the constabulary.

The tribunal continues.

# Crown bows to the law on tenants

By Oliver August

A CROWN tenant claimed a landmark ruling yesterday in a test case which could allow the leaseholders of some of Britain's grandest residences to seek fair rents before an independent body.

Helen Bryan, an American lawyer, went to the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal to clarify the statutory rights of the residents of the Nash villas around Regent's Park.

The tribunal decided that it would have powers to adjudicate only if Mrs Bryan was seeking a different form of lease, because of ambiguities in the Housing Acts. The limited ruling establishes the possibility of challenging the Crown under certain conditions. The Crown was also forced to agree in principle to the tribunal's jurisdiction.

Mrs Bryan said: "This is a small triumph. The next step is probably an appeal to the Lands Tribunal."

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## 'It's tragic, but what's the good of whining? The fact is I've run out of money,' says Prince's neighbour

# Shrinking fortune forces owner to sell ancient estate

By Richard Duce

THE owner of a country estate adjoining the Prince of Wales's home at Highgrove spoke yesterday of his anguish at having to sell the land, which has been in his family for almost 700 years.

For 28 generations Desmond Estcourt's family has run Estcourt Park, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, featured in the BBC series *Pride and Prejudice*. It is now on the market for more than £5 million. Mr Estcourt, 78 yesterday, has no heirs and the mounting costs of maintaining the estate, which is run by a trust, have led to the sale.

He is leaving 1,400 acres of land first occupied by his ancestors in 1303 for somewhere more modest: "I am moving to a flat in Lymington, Hampshire, in a few weeks with my cat, Amber. We are very good friends and I am devoted to her."

Desmond Estcourt: will move to flat with his cat

For many years Mr Estcourt has lived in the five-bedroom dower house; the main Georgian manor house was demolished in 1964. Whoever buys the estate will have to budget for a further £1 million or more to build a replacement.

Mr Estcourt said: "It is tragic for me, but what is the good of whining? We all have our trials. I am hating all this. It is not my plan to go — my family has been here 700 years and it goes against all my instincts. But nobody is to blame. The fact is I have run out of money."

The Estcourt family at one stage owned 70,000 acres of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. Mr Estcourt inherited the estate from his father, Thomas, in 1961. His brother, Giles, a Spitfire pilot, was killed over France at the age of 21 and his sister, Diana, died of cancer five years later.

"My father left investments but they are now gone and the estate is not what it was. If he went off the deep end and sold land at whatever prices he could get, whether he was wrong or right, is of no consequence. Once the land has gone, it has gone. It is never going to come back. I am very proud that the family has been here for 28 generations. How many families have done that?

I would dearly have loved to have had a son, but I never married and, at 78 I don't know if I ever shall. I knocked down the old Estcourt House and it was very sad.

"As a wee boy the place was like a little bit of paradise for me. It was a fairyland — almost too good to be true. There was a library, billiard room, a marvellous staircase, cellars and study — the place went on and on. I am grateful to have had such a home."

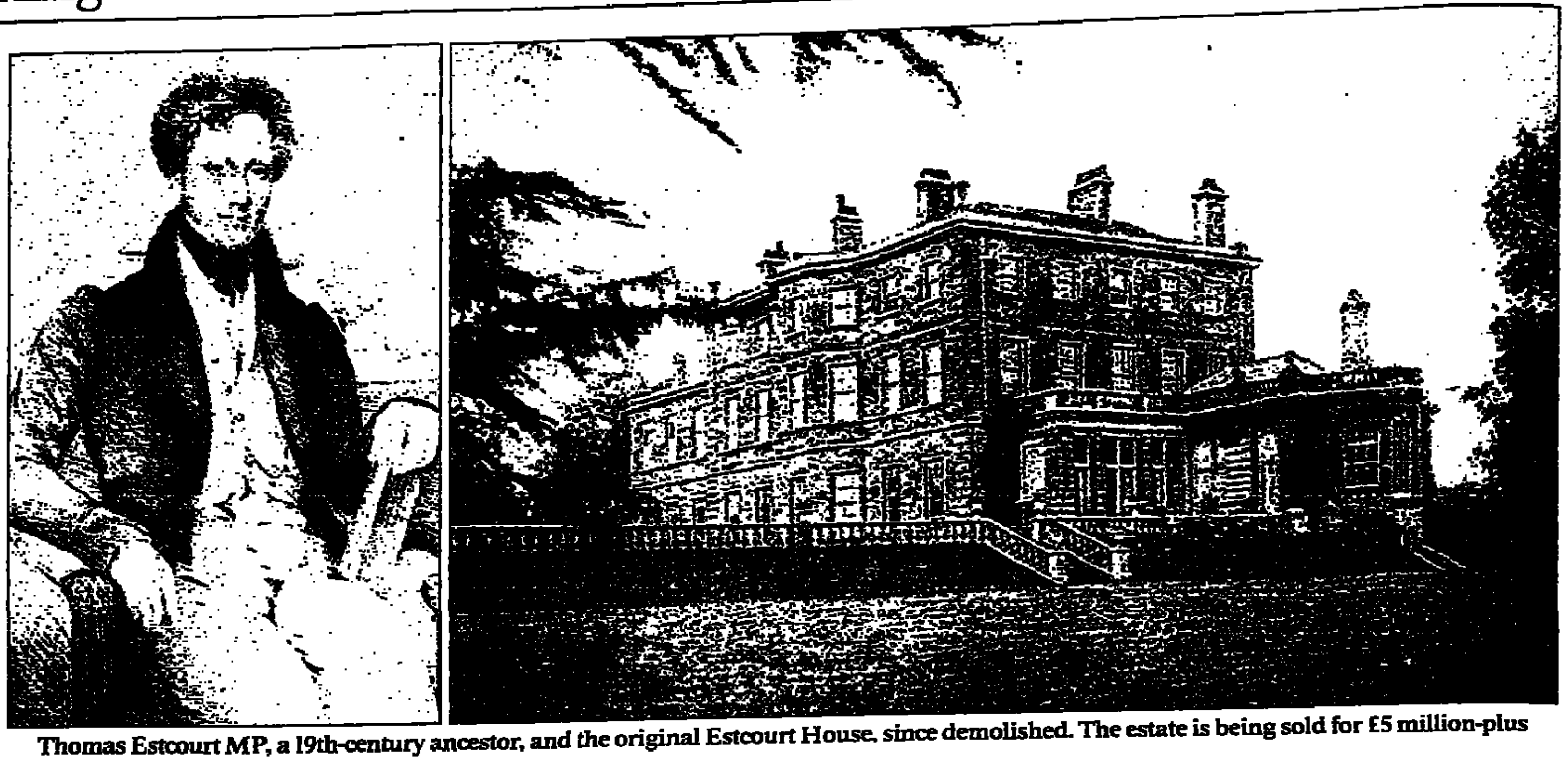
His ancestors include John Estcourt, who sided with the Lancastrians in the War of the Roses. Thomas Estcourt was knighted by James I in 1607, but the title died with Sir William Estcourt, who was murdered at the Globe Tavern in London in 1684. Another Thomas was an MP for Exeter who died in 1818 and is credited as a pioneer of modern farming techniques. Yet another Thomas Estcourt founded the Friendly Society.

The estate has an income of £120,000 a year from two tenanted farms. The sale also includes a Grade II listed stable block and coach house which have fallen into disrepair. The tree-lined drive featured in *Pride and Prejudice*.

Peter Lowndes, of the property agents Lane Fox, said yesterday: "This is a chance to buy yourself into history. We already have potential buyers.

"I am sure the Duchy of Cornwall will be interested in looking at the estate, being a neighbour. We will be sending them a catalogue."

A spokeswoman for the Prince of Wales said that the duchy would view a brochure with interest.



Thomas Estcourt MP, a 19th-century ancestor, and the original Estcourt House, since demolished. The estate is being sold for £5 million-plus

# Architect's dream house rejected as a 'Mockintosh'

By Shirley English

A VISIONARY "dream house" built from 95-year-old sketches by the architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh has been dismissed as a "Mockintosh" by purists.

It has taken seven years and £4 million to translate Mackintosh's 1901 drawings for *House For An Art Lover* to reality in Glasgow's Bellahouston Park. It opens to the public this weekend.

Andy MacMillan, an architect, has worked alongside Graham Roxburgh, an engineer, to bring the project to fruition. The house is meant to be a lasting tribute to the Glasgow-born Mackintosh, who was spurned by his home city during his life and died in poverty 70 years ago.

Some experts have questioned whether it should have been built while a number of genuine Mackintosh buildings are empty and semi-derelict in the city centre. Neil Baxter, an architectural historian, said: "I admire both MacMillan and Roxburgh, but this is just high-quality 'Mockintosh' and a slightly artificial exercise. It is a fake and can be seen as a commendable undertaking only if it is made clear that this house is a contemporary interpretation and is not an original work by Mackintosh himself."

The house has been built from sketches which Mackintosh and his wife, Margaret, completed hurriedly in 1901 to enter a German competition. As a result, large chunks of the interiors were missing, including the main staircase and most of the main hall.

MacMillan, an acknowledged Mackintosh expert, said he used "collage" to fill in the gaps, taking details from other Mackintosh buildings where there was no information in the drawings. The main staircase is based on the stair at the Glasgow School of Art.

The top floor, designed by Mackintosh as offices, is studio space for the School of Art. The ground floor, where the architect gave no clues, houses a café, shop and exhibition gallery. The main floor, comprising the entrance hall, music room, dining room and oval room, is from the drawings.

*House For An Art Lover* is a fake, claims one critic

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# Appeal judges cut three generous injury awards

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THREE huge damages awards for personal injuries were cut by up to a third yesterday when the Court of Appeal ruled against a more generous approach to compensation.

A £1,619,000 award to Thelma Wells, 60, a car crash victim, was reduced by £532,000. James Thomas, 7, who suffered cerebral palsy at birth because of a hospital error, had his award of £1,285,000 against Brighton Health Authority cut by about £300,000.

A steelworker's damages of £906,000, won by Kelvin Page against Sheerness Steel for brain damage after he was speared by a red-hot metal bar, was decreased by £280,000. The reductions, which followed appeals by defence insurers, will affect scores of damages cases in the pipeline.

The High Court judges who made the original awards had fixed them higher than normal after accepting evidence that the only safe way to invest the money was in low-risk, index-linked government securities, which earn 3 per cent a year. The usual expectation is a 4.5 per cent return from equities and gilts. The setting of higher awards has been recommended by a working party and adopted in a Law Commission report, but not yet made law.

Yesterday the appeal judges, Lords Justices Hirst, Auld and Thorpe, ruled that the old guidelines should still be followed and it was not for the courts to anticipate a new practice. Lawyers for the three victims are to seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

The appeal court decision was attacked by Sir Michael Ogden, QC, who chaired the working party that recommended the Law Commission proposals. "I think this [decision] is wrong," he said. "I hope it goes to the Lords and is overturned. What it means is that widows, or other relatives of accident victims who know perhaps little about finance, have to speculate on the Stock Exchange to try to maintain the value of their awards, with all the uncertainty that entails."

> ❛ Widows or other relatives of accident victims who know little about finance will have to speculate on the Stock Exchange ❜

He said that it was a "great misfortune that the Lord Chancellor had not implemented the Law Commission proposals in full. He accepted these proposals, that the award should be calculated on the basis of index-linked stock. And then, when the Damages Act 1996 was brought in, he went back on what he said he was going to do."

Since the Act, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has said that he would await yesterday's ruling and may reconsider how awards should be calculated.

Yesterday Mr Page's solicitor, Paul Kitson, said: "The judgment means plaintiffs will have to continue to gamble their awards on the stock market in order to ensure a sufficient income for the rest of their lives.

"The original award to Mr Page reflected the seriousness of his injuries and his substantial care costs. The rejection by the Court of Appeal of the trial judge's more generous approach is a blow, not only to Mr Page, but to victims of accidents in the future."

James Thomas's legal team said the decision would have serious consequences for him and his family. The damages for the negligent treatment which injured him would now be insufficient to guarantee the level of care that had been planned.

Described as a bright little boy with a full understanding of his severe disabilities, James had an almost normal life expectancy and required a substantial sum to meet his needs as his parents grew older.

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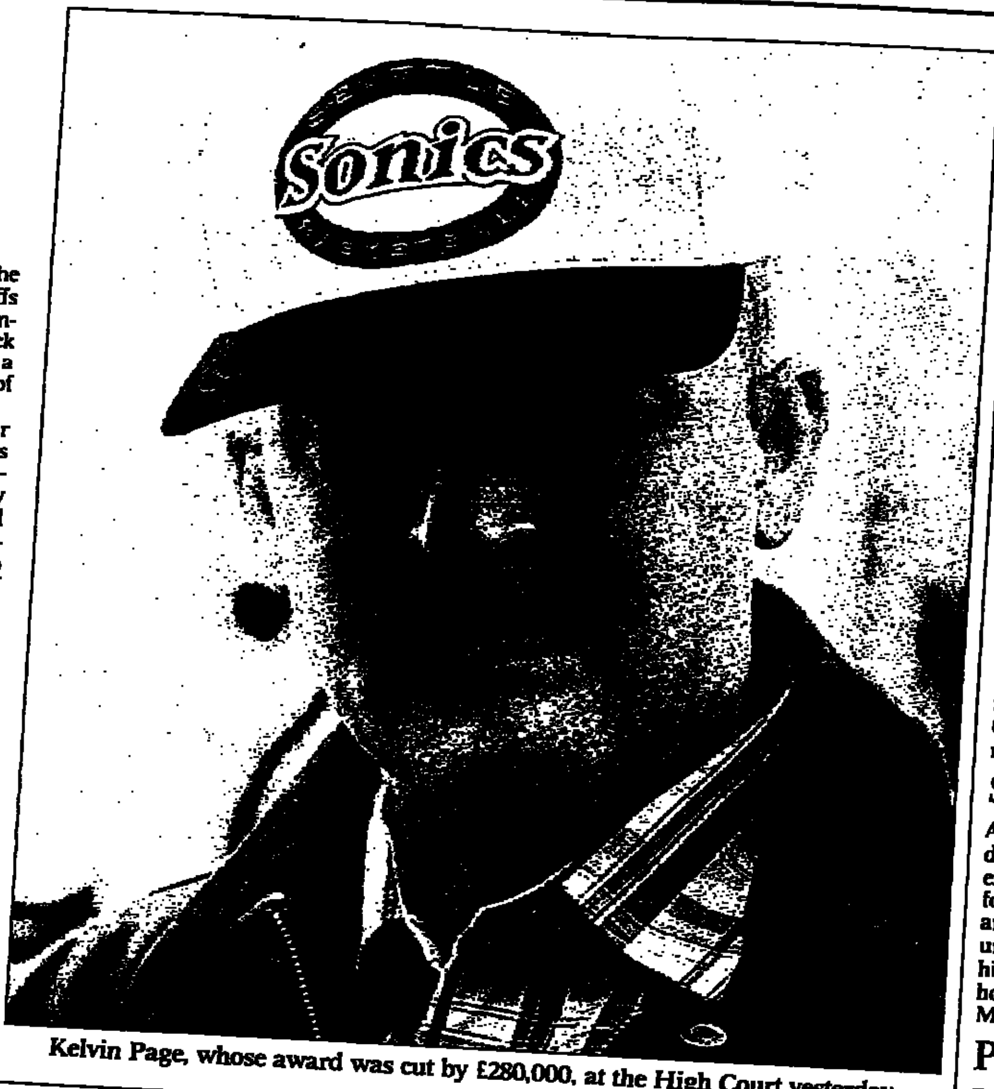

Kelvin Page, whose award was cut by £280,000, at the High Court yesterday

# Giant waves linked to global warming

By Nick Nuttall

SCIENTISTS have found that waves in the South Atlantic have shrunk, while those in the northeast of the ocean have doubled in size. The phenomenon may be a further indication of global warming.

New satellite readings show that, in the western Mediterranean and the central South Atlantic, average wave heights are half a metre smaller than in the mid-1980s. But from the tip of the Iberian peninsula, past Britain and north to Greenland, Atlantic waves are almost twice their size of 40 years ago.

Dr Peter Challenor, of Southampton Oceanography Centre, said yesterday: "No one can explain why these changes in the wave climate are happening, but we now have conclusive evidence that they are occurring on a global scale. It is possible they are an indicator of global warming."

He said there were reports of the bigger waves causing more damage to ships, including the Royal Yacht *Britannia* and the *Queen Elizabeth 2*. Oil and gas rigs might soon need strengthening. Fish scientists at Lowestoft had pinpointed a link between marine food and wave heights, which may affect fish stocks, he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Man who killed for dress rings gets life

A man who murdered a 78-year-old widow for her costume jewellery has been sentenced to life. Barrie Compton, 53, of no fixed address, was found guilty of murdering Jean Windridge, of Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, by Birmingham Crown Court. Richard Harze, 32, also of Chelmsley Wood, was jailed for three years for handling the rings, which he sold for £35, and for perverting the course of justice relating to the disposal of Compton's clothes and the murder weapon.

## Sentence cut

A Briton jailed in Morocco on drug charges has had his sentence cut from five years to four on appeal. David Richards, 37, of Alnwick, Northumberland, was arrested with his wife, Jill, 40, while on holiday with their daughter, 8. Mrs Richards was acquitted.

## Priest charged

Father Gerard McCallion, 48, a Roman Catholic priest serving a two-year sentence for indecently assaulting young girls, has appeared at Londonderry Magistrates' Court charged with the rape and indecent assault of a woman in 1987. He pleaded not guilty.

## Boy shot in eye

Kenneth Bones, 12, of Exeter, was shot in the eye with an air rifle, which a group of youths were firing on waste ground in the Beacon Heath district. A 13-year-old was arrested, but later released without charge. Doctors are trying to save Kenneth's sight.

## Kwik Save fined

Kwik Save has been ordered to pay more than £7,000 in fines and costs by Coleford magistrates for selling sausage and onion pies, quiches and pasta that were up to three days past their sell-by date at a store in the Gloucestershire town.

## BBC sales record

BBC Worldwide believes it has broken its previous record of £15.4 million sales at the Mipcom fair in Cannes. SIC wants to make a Portuguese version of *Yes, Minister* and the new Swedish channel Guldkanalen has bought 100 episodes of *EastEnders*.

## Wendy house ban

A Wendy house planned for Langley Manor School, Slough, Berkshire, has been rejected by South Buckinghamshire County Council because the 6ft playhouse would be a new building in a green belt. Parents raised £10,000 for the play area.

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After years of loyalist attacks, a Catholic family fears vendetta by republican killers

# Mother challenges the IRA over death threats to her son

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

A ROMAN Catholic mother whose family has suffered at the hands of loyalists throughout the Troubles issued a plea to the IRA yesterday to stop making death threats to her son.

Jean Kennedy lost her brother in a loyalist gun attack and her husband was disabled by a bomb. Now her son Paul — who survived a loyalist shooting — has been targeted by the republicans for alleged drug-dealing.

Mrs Kennedy, 53, vehemently denies the allegations made by the IRA cover group Direct Action Against Drugs, which has said it will kill 21-year-old Mr Kennedy "sooner or later". The group has killed eight Catholics in Belfast in the past 18 months for allegedly dealing.

Speaking at her terraced home in the Lower Ormeau area, Mrs Kennedy said: "Paul is not, and never has been, a drug dealer. DAAD/IRA has put a death sentence on my son. This is why I have decided to go public and challenge DAAD to prove what they are saying. You cannot and will not use your label to murder my son."

A death threat to Paul Kennedy was written on this wall. His mother painted it over

She said the truth was that the IRA had targeted her son after he was involved in a fight with two local republicans. She said: "They don't like him. It's just a personal vendetta."

The terrorists have mounted a carefully orchestrated campaign against the Kennedy family which is designed to frighten them and the local community into silence. The first threat came in May when suspected IRA members burst into the house in search of Paul. He barricaded himself in his bedroom, so they attacked his father, who lost and arm and part of his leg in the loyalist bombing of the Rose and Crown bar in Belfast in 1974.

Last week the group issued a death threat in a telephone call to the house. This was followed by a visit from a republican. Finally the terrorists scrawled the message "Icky [Paul's nickname] Kennedy is a drug dealer" on a nearby wall. Mrs Kennedy painted over the message.

She said that her family's life had become a "living hell". In 1992, her son survived after being shot four times in a loyalist gun attack on a bookmaker's shop near their home. He lost his best friend, James Kennedy, and Mrs Kennedy lost her brother, Billy McManus.

After the shooting, in which the Ulster Freedom Fighters killed five Catholics, Mrs Kennedy installed an iron gate at the bottom of their staircase to protect her family from loyalists. She said: "I put the security gate up because I was scared of the loyalists. But now I fear my own."

She is so scared of an attack that she sleeps in the living room. She said: "I have to sleep on the settee. I don't know what it is to go to bed. My whole family are prisoners in our own home. Paul is terrible, his nerves are wrecked. We are living through hell."

However, she was adamant that she would not leave, despite living in an area where the republican movement has significant influence. She said: "I would never leave. I intend to stay because my son has done nothing wrong."

Nancy Gracey, of the campaign group Outcry, which highlighted the Kennedys' plight, paid tribute to the mother's bravery in speaking out. She said: "The IRA seems to be using this drugs label quite freely to try and justify murdering people. It is time that people followed Mrs Kennedy's example and spoke out against this. If we sit back and take this, there will be more deaths, there will be more coffins."

Mrs Kennedy installed a security gate after attacks

# Inventor of whisky measurer is lost to France

By Shirley English

SCOTLAND has been deprived of one of its most gifted inventors by a mistake in a reference book. Alexander Bain, a crofter's son who invented the ticker-tape message system, the whisky optic and typewriter ribbons, is described as French in *Great Inventions Through History*, published by Chambers.

Yesterday Robert Burns, a retired professor who has been researching the inventor's life, was appalled: "Bain was 100 per cent Scottish," he said.

Elaine Higgleton, of Chambers, has promised that the next edition of the manual will have Bain listed with inventive fellow countrymen such as James Watt, Alexander Graham Bell and John Logie Baird.

Bain came up with ideas for scores of products, such as the electric clock, which are now taken for granted. Despite his genius for invention, he was a hopeless businessman, who died in poverty in his native Caithness in 1877.

He forgot to apply for the patent for the ticker-tape message system which was used to send messages over long distances at 320 words per minute. The American inventor Samuel Morse adopted the technique and fought Bain in the courts until the Scotsman ran out of money and was forced to allow Morse to take the rights to the system and make a fortune from it. Morse code was developed to be used on Bain's invention.

☐ A painting attributed to one of Ireland's best-loved artists may have been the work of an obscure painter from Sheffield. *The Goose Girl* went on display in the National Gallery of Ireland yesterday as part of a retrospective of William John Leech, a Dublin man who spent most of his life in England. However, after research, Raymond Keaveney, director of the National Gallery, is now "90 per cent sure" that the painting is by Stanley Royal. The canvas has a Sheffield stamp on it.

Bain: genius inventor, hopeless businessman

# Developers find mass burial site

By A Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of bodies, some of them plague victims, are to be exhumed from a paupers' burial ground in Newcastle upon Tyne which is now the site of a city-centre development called the International Centre for Life.

Many died of highly infectious diseases such as smallpox or tuberculosis and special measures are being taken to protect the team involved from any health risk. Everybody entering the site is being inoculated and issued with protective clothing.

Records show that at least 270 people were buried on the site, but experts believe they could eventually find three times that number. The burial ground covers about one acre west of Newcastle Central Station, where the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation is planning a millennium project costing £54 million. It will combine a science centre with a Disney-style attraction expected to bring in 300,000 visitors a year.

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## 'Everybody knows we should not be debating, we should be having a general election'

# Blair sets out his alternative to 'pathetic' proposals

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR laid out his alternative Queen's Speech yesterday, providing MPs with a list of Bills that he would have announced had he been Prime Minister.

The Labour Leader said his Queen's Speech would have focused on education, the NHS and rebuilding "our fractured society". He said that the sole purpose of John Major's plans for the next session was to embarrass Labour, adding: "How pathetic."

As Mr Blair opened the five-day debate on the Queen's Speech, he told MPs he would be proud of the day that he saw a Prime Minister come to the dispatch box and say there would be a Bill that ended the "chaos" of the voucher scheme and provided for proper nursery education for all four-year-olds.

"I would like a Bill that phases out subsidies to private schools and uses the money to cut class sizes for all five, six and seven year-olds," he said. "And a Bill that reforms the way that our school system works, the training of teachers, new standards for school performance, tackles truancy and discipline, that allows schools to take account of children's different abilities but does not return us to the inequities of the old 11-plus."

He also wanted a Health Bill that would end the Tory internal market in the NHS and return it "to its rightful place as a proper public service".

Mr Blair went on to demand Bills banning the sale of combat knives and halving the time taken by persistent young offenders to come to court. "You could have a Bill for a statutory minimum wage to tackle the worst abuses of poverty pay. A Bill that allows the capital receipts tied up in council accounts to be used to build homes for the homeless.

"We could have a Bill that allows the people of Scotland and Wales the chance to determine their own governance. A Bill that gives London its own government to allow it to invigorate and innovate itself."

The Government's only policy now was to drift. "I think everybody knows we should not be debating a Queen's Speech today, we should be having a general election."

Mr Major was using the "brazen old Tory trick" of pretending that although the party had been in power for 17 years it had no responsibility for the state Britain was in. He asked: "Who doubled crime to give us over 17 years the fastest growing crime rate in Europe? They did. Who undermined the NHS and smothered it with red tape — they did. Who made the economic mistakes of the late 1980s and early 90s — they did. If our society is torn and fractured as it is, I ask who in part fractured it? They did."

He added: "We will mend this fractured society when those that fractured it, those that said that there was no such thing as society are no longer governing our society . . . This isn't a battle for a job, it should be a battle about a vision of this country's future."

The Prime Minister rejected Mr Blair's claims that he was putting forward a "thin and largely irrelveant" programme of legislation ahead of the general election. Outlining his proposed measures, Mr Major said: "By any yardstick, that is a meaty Queen's Speech that we intend to carry through in the period between now and the election."

He said his proposals would build on economic success, help widen opportunity and choice and encourage personal responsibility. He promised the Commons a prudent Budget next month, saying: "If we can safely cut taxes, we will. If we cannot, we will not."

He denounced Mr Blair's "sanctimonious" response to the legislative programme. "I don't know how you can disclaim responsibility for faults in society today when your own Labour Party has consistently championed every fashionable, politically correct cause that has undermined our traditional way of life and opposed every measure we have taken to redress the balance."

Paddy Ashdown called the speech as "a rag bag of irrelevant measures from a Government in its tormented twilight days". The Liberal Democrat leader said the legislative programme was more driven by what will wrongfoot the Opposition than what was right for the country. "No direction. No new ideas. No leadership. Nothing to meet the real needs of the country."

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### FULL LIST OF NEW LAWS

☐ Crime sentences Bill, to introduce minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drugs dealers

☐ Firearms Bill, to ban all handguns above .22 calibre

☐ Education Bill, providing powers to deal with disruptive pupils and to extend selection

☐ Police Bill, to set up a national crime squad

☐ Primary healthcare Bill, to allow doctors' surgeries in supermarkets

☐ Social security fraud Bill, to allow cross-checking of benefit claims

☐ Northern Ireland decommissioning of weapons Bill

☐ Civil procedure Bill, to reform system of resolving civil disputes

☐ Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Bill, to protect the coastline

☐ Local government and rating Bill, providing aid for village shops

☐ Transfer of crofting estates (Scotland) Bill

☐ Crime and punishment (Scotland) Bill, to introduce tagging and obligatory life sentences

☐ Channel Tunnel rail link Bill (Remaining Stages)

☐ Stalking Bill

☐ Register of sex offenders Bill

The Government also hopes to introduce the following:

☐ National heritage Bill, to allow lottery funding for heritage projects

☐ Compensation recovery Bill, to ensure that accident victims keep all damages awarded to them

☐ Commonhold Bill, setting up a new form of flat ownership

Light duties: the Queen arriving yesterday in the diamond diadem she often uses for travelling. She chose it because of its light weight, Buckingham Palace said. But less comfortably, she braved the warm weather in a white fox cape

# 'My Government will work towards a liberal, flexible, European Union'

*This is an edited text of the Queen's speech to Parliament yesterday:*

**THE QUEEN**

Preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction remains a priority. Early provision will be made for the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. My Government will pursue negotiations on a convention to ban the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive purposes.

In the European Union, my Government will work for an outcome to the inter-governmental conference which supports an outward-looking, economically liberal and flexible union based on a partnership of nations. They will promote policies to improve the union's competitiveness and economic wellbeing.

My Government will promote the further global liberalisation of trade, in particular at the ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation, and will continue to work for transatlantic free trade in this context.

My Government will continue actively to support peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, encouraging full compliance with the Peace Agreement and promoting reconciliation between the former warring parties. Support will continue for the search for a durable peace in the Middle East. My Government will continue to work for a successful transfer of sovereignty of Hong Kong in 1997. They will work on behalf of its people to preserve their way of life and to promote the territory's continued stability and prosperity, founded on a high degree of autonomy and the rule of law.

In Northern Ireland, my Government's priority will be to maintain progress towards peace, prosperity and reconciliation, based on a comprehensive political settlement commanding widespread support. They stand ready to introduce legislation to provide for the decommissioning of firearms, ammunition and explosives. They will maintain close and friendly relations with the Republic of Ireland.

Fiscal policy will continue to be set to bring the public sector borrowing requirement back towards balance over the medium term. My Government will reduce further the share of national income taken by the public sector. They will continue to promote enterprise and further improve the performance of the economy with the aim of creating the strongest industrial economy in Western Europe in the medium term and doubling living standards over the next 25 years. They will promote fewer, better and simpler regulations to reduce unnecessary burdens on business.

My Government will continue to support competitiveness through advancing knowledge, improving educational and skill levels and promoting a flexible, efficient labour market. Legislation will be introduced to widen choice and diversity, improve discipline and raise standards in schools.

A Bill will be introduced to reform the sentencing and supervision of serious, dangerous and persistent offenders so as to provide greater protection for the public. Legislation will be introduced to support the fight against organised crime, including establishing a National Crime Squad. A Bill will be introduced to strengthen controls on the ownership of fire arms.

Legislation will be introduced to improve and develop primary healthcare services. A Bill will be brought forward to combat social security fraud.

Legislation will be introduced to implement proposals contained in the English and Welsh Rural White Papers in relation to parish and community councils and to provide rate relief for small village shops.

In Scotland, legislation will be introduced to abolish automatic early release from prison and to make other changes in the criminal justice system to improve public protection.

A Bill will be brought forward to enable the transfer of publicly-owned crofting estates to crofting trusts.

My Government will introduce legislation to enable reform of the procedures of the civil courts, and other measures of law reform.

My Government will also publish Bills in draft for consultation on the introduction of voluntary identity cards and on measures to help people make better provision for their long-term care needs in old age.

My Lords and members of the House of Commons, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

# Supermarket GP plan attacked as bad for patients

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY
SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

**HEALTHCARE**

OPPOSITION parties yesterday attacked the Government's proposals to allow GPs to run their surgeries in supermarkets, shopping malls and airports.

Chris Smith, Shadow Health Secretary, said that allowing private commercial companies to provide GP services "tears at the roots of the public service ethos". The relationship between the GP and patient would be fundamentally undermined if GPs were employed and their services provided by companies ranging from pharmaceutical manufacturers to supermarkets.

Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat health spokesman raised similar concerns. "There is no guarantee that the new types of primary care will be free from commercial self-interest acting against the interests of the patient. There is no guarantee that profits will not be made at patients' expense."

However, the British Medical Association said the reforms would help adventurous GPs with new ideas. Under the plan GPS will be able to run National Health Service surgeries in supermarkets, shopping malls, airports and rail stations.

An NHS Bill to improve and develop primary care will liberate general practitioners from some of the regulations that prevent them from expanding their services.

They will be able to compete with private health companies, who are trying to import the American "doc-in-a-shop" concept to Britain.

A fee-paying surgery has already opened at Victoria Station in London, appealing to commuters who want GP-style care but cannot take the day off work to consult a doctor at home in the suburbs.

At present every GP has an individual employment contract with a health authority. The Bill will allow outside organisations, including private companies and supermarkets, to employ GPs.

Patients would still be on a named doctor's list and the service would be provided by the NHS but the responsibility for running it would rest with the employer, under a contract with the health authority.

The reforms will allow GPs running thriving surgeries to expand by hiring other doctors, nurses and staff to perform specific tasks.

# Stately home owners to get cash grants

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

**LOTTERY**

THE Government plans to free up National Lottery funds to pay for a wide range of heritage projects, including grants to private property owners of stately homes.

A Bill will make funds available to hard-up owners of historic homes as well as heritage sites such as piers, theatres and museums. The proposals were welcomed by heritage groups.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund will now have far greater scope. It was created in 1980 to provide money to buy land, buildings, works of art and other objects of outstanding importance to the national heritage, as well as better facilities for their display.

Ministers yesterday denied that they would be stealing from the poor to pay for the houses of the rich. Owners will have to be means-tested before they get any help with the up-keep of their buildings. Owners of listed cottages will also be eligible for help.

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# Drug smugglers and crime gangs to be tackled by national squad

By Richard Ford
HOME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE

MINISTERS plan to have a unified police force to combat organised crime such as large-scale drug smuggling and dealing in England and Wales within 18 months.

Police are also to be given the statutory right to enter private property and plant bugging devices against targeted criminals.

The new National Crime Squad will be formed by amalgamating the six existing regional crime squads and will have its own chief constable. Officers from the 43 police forces in England and Wales will be seconded to the squad which will be accountable to its own authority. It is expected that about 1,000 officers will be in the squad, which will have an annual budget of about £90 million.

The squad will investigate organised crime across force boundaries, but according to the Home Office will begin inquiries only at the invitation of individual chief constables.

The Police Bill will also put covert surveillance by forces in England and Wales on a similar basis to MI5. Police have been carrying out major surveillance operations, including breaking into people's homes to plant bugging devices, on the authority of chief constables under guidelines laid down by the Home Secretary in 1984. Their activities have not had a statutory basis. Senior officers were concerned that without it, they could be liable to civil action for trespass. The Bill will introduce a formal system for authorisation by chief officers, with a new independent commissioner to oversee the arrangements and investigate complaints of improper authorisation.

A Criminal Records Agency is to be set up for England and Wales to allow employers to get information about the past history of job applicants. All employers will be entitled to ask applicants to present a document disclosing any unspent conviction. An offence for which a prison sentence of 2½ years or more is imposed is never removed from the record. Under government proposals there would be three types of check: a criminal conviction certificate obtainable for about £20 by a job applicant; a full check; and an enhanced check for those seeking work with children or in the gaming and betting industry, which would include convictions or cautions for minor offences and information known to the police including decisions not to prosecute, acquittals and known associates.

The power to obtain a "full criminal records check" will extend to dental hygienists, opticans, vets, chartered accountants, firefighters, barristers and solicitors.

Penal reform groups and probation staff associations strongly opposed the plans and said it would make it much more difficult for ex-offenders to find employment.

Mr Howard's plans to introduce a voluntary Identity Card Bill before the general election have been abandoned because of fears it would fuel divisions within the Conservative Party.

In an attempt to persuade the public that the Government remains committed to the proposal, the Home Office promised yesterday to publish a draft Bill for the introduction of a voluntary identity card scheme.

Under the Home Secretary's proposal a voluntary identity card combined with the new photocard driving licence would be introduced; a separate card would be available for non-drivers and another separate photocard driving licence could be used by those who did not wish to carry the identity document.

# Retired solicitors may become judges to speed up courts

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Scott: "pool of excellent talent"

LAW REFORM

RETIRED City solicitors may be given the chance to sit as judges under Government reforms to cut delays and costs in the civil courts, Sir Richard Scott, head of civil justice, said yesterday.

Sir Richard, who as vice-chancellor also heads the High Court Chancery division, was outlining the next stage in implementing the Woolf reforms which will see a revolution in the way civil disputes are handled.

Yesterday the Government announced a Bill — described by Sir Richard as a "necessary preliminary step" — which will lay the framework for a single set of procedures for the High Court and county courts. But he said he was already going ahead on the basis that the Woolf package of reforms was supported by the Government.

One key question was the need for extra judicial manpower under the reforms which will see judges taking on the task of actively managing trials. Sir Richard said that studies now being carried out could show a need for more judges at district judge level to carry out the task of "managing" trials by setting strict timetables and deadlines for all the various stages.

If so, he said he would like to explore if senior litigation solicitors "who nowadays retire quite early and who probably have no great financial problems but don't want to be bored" could sit part-time as deputy masters or deputy district judges.

In that way, they would make good use of their case management skills which they had built up over the years, he added. "There is potentially a pool of excellent talent that I would like to tap. It seems to be it would be an excellent thing for the system and assist in the implementation of Woolf."

Next week Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, is outlining the Government's full response to the Woolf reforms. Lord Woolf, now the Master of the Rolls, recently expressed concern that lack of resources not be used as an "excuse" for stalling on the reforms.

Yesterday, Sir Richard underlined the need for firm Government backing. He said he was hoping that Lord Mackay would give a commitment in principle to implementing Woolf "as a whole". That would involve a commitment to provide the funds that are necessary as well as providing any extra manpower resources that were needed, he said. But in the meantime, he was proceeding "on the assumption" that they would be forthcoming.

Top of the agenda was the training of all the judges who would sit on civil disputes — district, circuit and High Court — which was "essential". On the controversial proposal for a "fast track" court to handle disputes up to £10,000 with fixed costs, Sir Richard said he had originally been against the idea of a pilot project before implementation. However, while his mind was not yet made up, he had heard strong arguments in favour.

He said he understood the necessary resources would be provided to the Judicial Studies Board to carry out the training programme. It was part of his role, he added, as head of civil justice, to "fight his corner" for the funds that were needed and for civil justice generally which had often suffered at the expense of criminal and family justice.

He has sent a letter to nearly 2,000 judges urging them to adopt the spirit of Woolf "as far as they are able to". The timetable envisaged for the reforms includes a target date for full implementation in October 1988.

# Labour promises free vote on guns

WEAPONS

By Arthur Leathley
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership tried to isolate the Tory party over the banning of handguns yesterday by indicating that its MPs will be allowed a free vote even if the Government whips its MPs into line.

The move brings Labour into line with each of the other opposition parties who have pledged to conduct a conscience vote when the Bill comes to the Commons. John Major made clear yesterday that the Government would not shift on its plans to hold a whipped vote.

Although Tony Blair called last week for a free vote across the Commons, senior figures went further yesterday by pledging that Labour MPs would be allowed to vote according to conscience. George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, who has led Labour's campaign on guns since the Dunblane massacre, said that the party wanted the issue to be non-political and would hold a free vote irrespective of the Government's decision.

Labour, Liberal Democrats, Scottish Nationalists and a handful of Tory backbenchers have voiced their support for a free vote and for a total ban on handguns, rather than the Government's proposals to eliminate handguns larger than .22 calibre, 80 per cent of the total.

The Government is likely to need the backing of the nine Ulster Unionist MPs, who have indicated support for its proposals, to avert defeat. The Unionists are expected to be given a free vote.

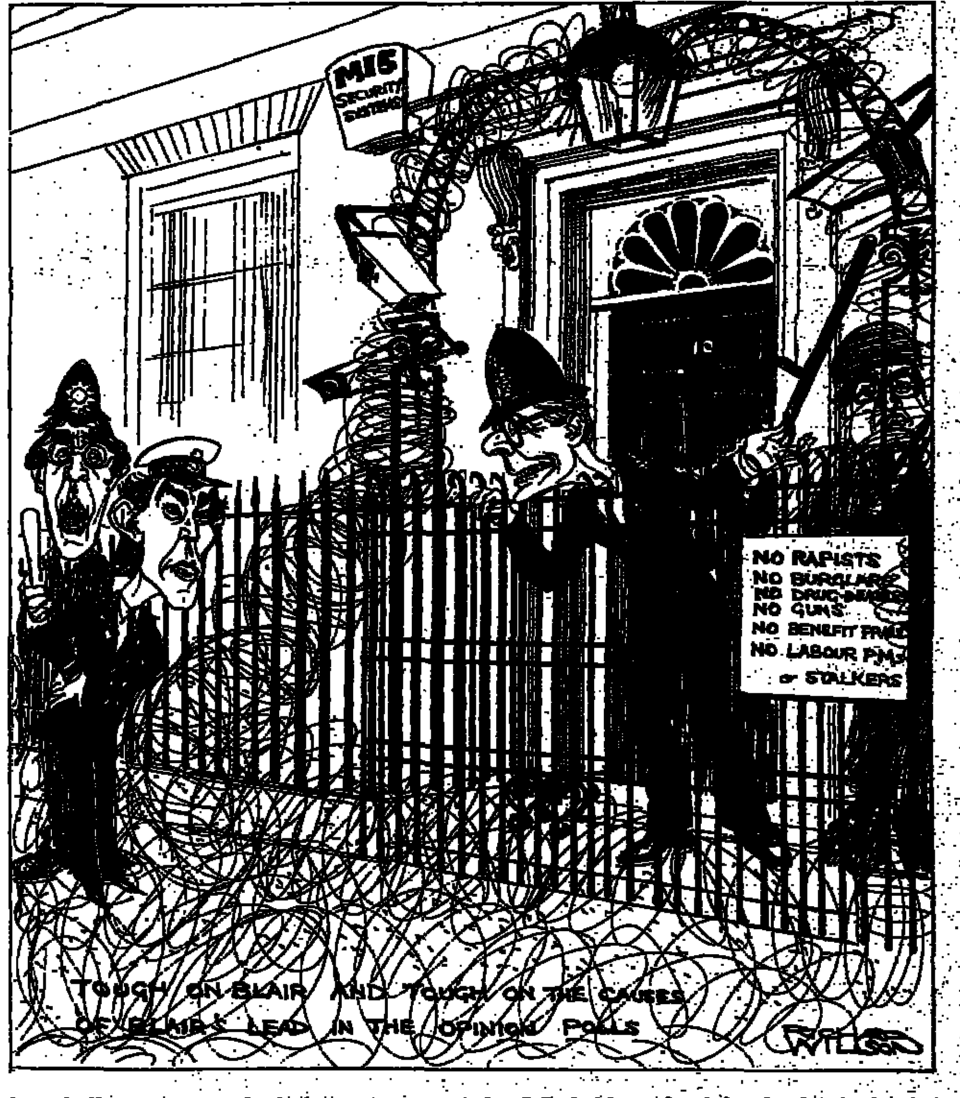
Mr Blair increased pressure on Mr Major to support a total ban on handguns after the Dunblane tragedy, in which 16 school pupils and their teacher were murdered.

Responding to the Queen's Speech, Mr Blair said that Labour welcomed what had been announced already on gun control, but he added: "If we are banning 160,000 handguns, presently lawfully held, what is the case for leaving the remaining 40,000 at large?"

Mr Blair said that if .22 handguns could do similar damage to the guns that inflicted death and injury at Dunblane, then all handguns should be banned: "Let the 80 per cent solution become the 100 per cent solution and Parliament will have done the will of the people."

Mr Major said that although there were differences of opinion in the Commons, the overwhelming belief was that legislation should be enacted as soon as possible.

The Prime Minister said the Government had gone further than the recommendations in the Cullen report. "Many people will still be able to own handguns but they must be kept safely under lock and key at properly run centres. I believe that is the right way to deal with it but the House will make its own judgment."



# Tags and curfews for petty criminals

PUNISHMENT

By Richard Ford

PERSISTENT petty offenders will face electronic tagging linked to curfews. The new power would be an alternative to fines and to imprisoning fine defaulters.

As expected, the key features of the Crime (Sentences) Bill will be tougher American-style penalties for repeat violent and sexual offenders, persistent burglars and dealers in hard drugs.

Michael Howard wants the Bill, which will be strongly resisted in the Lords and by the judiciary, to pass its parliamentary stages by the end of February. It would then receive Royal Assent before the general election.

The proposals for longer sentences would not be introduced until at least 12 more jails were built for the estimated 10,000 increase in prison population. Life sentences would be automatically imposed for second-time rapists and serious violent offenders.

A minimum of three years would be imposed on burglars aged over 18 with two or more similar convictions and of seven years on dealers in Class A drugs with two or more similar convictions. Parole and automatic early release would be abolished. Prisoners would earn a small reduction by good behaviour.

Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said: "Mandatory sentences will do nothing to reduce crime but a great deal to produce serious injustice."

# Crofters to be given land of their own

SCOTLAND

By Shirley English

CROFTERS could soon own the land they now rent — in some cases without spending a penny. Scotland's biggest single landowner, the Scottish Office, is planning to transfer 250,000 acres of the Highlands and Islands to community-based crofters' trusts.

It is understood that some estates could be given away. The plans include transferring mineral and sporting rights, and money will be made available for start-up costs.

The move will affect 1,440 crofters who pay rent to the Agriculture Department. It will make no difference to the 16,239 crofters who come under private landlords.

Yesterday crofting organisations expressed suspicion that the proposals might just be a money-saving exercise. The Scottish Office receives about £150,000 a year from rents and rights on its 55 crofting estates and spends some £370,000 on upkeep.

# Teachers welcome more discipline in classroom

By David Charter
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL governors will have the final say on whether John Major's vision of a grammar school in every town becomes a reality.

The proposals for greater selection in the Education Bill, although less radical than originally foreseen by the Prime Minister, will still cause the biggest political arguments.

Opposition parties will support moves in the Bill for stronger disciplinary measures and more assiduous monitoring of standards. In the battle ahead on selection, the Government can count on the support of Ulster Unionists, given that Northern Ireland's schools are fully selective.

The Bill will let grant-maintained schools select up to half their pupils by ability or aptitude tests, and local authority schools to choose up to a fifth. The Bill is expected to be a priority in the Government's schedule and may be published next week.

Teachers welcomed the proposed powers for dealing with disruptive pupils. Giving schools the ability to suspend for 45 days at a time instead of 15 is intended to stem the rising tide of expulsions. Schools will also gain the same right as the police to detain children, to help them to fight back against parents who refuse to sanction detentions.

Labour claimed that some of the Bill's proposals were hijacked from its policies, especially on standards. Both target-setting for schools and baseline testing — formally assessing children when they start primary school — featured in Labour's policy document *Excellence for Everyone*. Contracts that which would require parents to agree to school discipline policies as a condition of a place for their child were also promoted by Labour.

Labour will oppose the measures on selection, grant-maintained schools and increasing the Assisted Places Scheme, a subsidy for poorer families to help with independent school fees. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said that greater freedom to select pupils would diminish parental rights, not increase them.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, welcomed the moves on discipline but opposed increased selection. "Parents will have even less choice than they have now, and will be faced with schools choosing pupils. An extension of selection will do nothing to improve the achievement of those most in need."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said the proposals on discipline failed to address "the most serious problem, which is an ever-increasing number of hard-core violent disrupters in our schools. Only the re-establishment of sufficient numbers of special schools for youngsters with serious emotional and behavioural problems will provide the immediate relief urgently required."

Mr de Gruchy, whose members have threatened to strike in a series of cases over disruptive pupils, said moves to "put morality on the curriculum" were "piffling non-solutions". He said: "Morality is caught, not taught."

# Benefit cheats to face big penalties in crackdown

By Jill Sherman
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FRAUD

BENEFIT cheats will face fixed penalties under a new crackdown on social security fraud which costs the taxpayer £3 billion a year.

If it passes, the Fraud Bill will allow social security officers to check on those they suspect of fraud and impose on-the-spot fines of up to 100 per cent of the benefit claimed falsely. This would be accompanied by a formal caution, and a repeat offence could mean court action.

The fines are expected to work in a similar way to fixed penalties now imposed by the Inland Revenue. Tax dodgers who fail to pay capital gains tax are fined up to 100 per cent of the amount owed, once they have paid back the original sum owed.

The Bill from Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, will, if agreed, also ensure that fraudsters are easier to track down by cross-checking computer information. In future, social security officers will be able to cross-check data from the Inland Revenue and the Customs and Excise to see if people paying tax — and therefore working — are also claiming benefit.

The Bill will also make it easier to prosecute people who make fraudulent attempts to get a national insurance number. The second part of the Bill deals specifically with housing and council tax benefit fraud. The two benefits represent 15 per cent of total social security expenditure but 25 per cent of fraud.

Legislation will be introduced to set up an inspectorate to monitor anti-fraud work. If the inspectorate finds that local councils are not effectivly tackling fraud they will be able to impose penalties on the authority.

The Government also hopes to introduce a compensation recovery scheme to allow accident victims to keep all of their damages awarded for pain and suffering while making the compensators liable for any benefits paid pending settlement.

# Shipowners to foot cost of clean-up

POLLUTION

A CLAMPDOWN on ships spilling toxic chemicals and oil into the seas around Britain is to be introduced (Nick Nuttall writes).

The Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Bill sets out maximum compensation of £135 million for victims of such spills. It includes several of the recommendations made in Lord Donaldson's report into the Braer oil tanker accident off Shetland in 1993.

The Bill will also require companies responsible for a spill to cover the cost of emergency response by the Government's Marine Pollution Control Unit.

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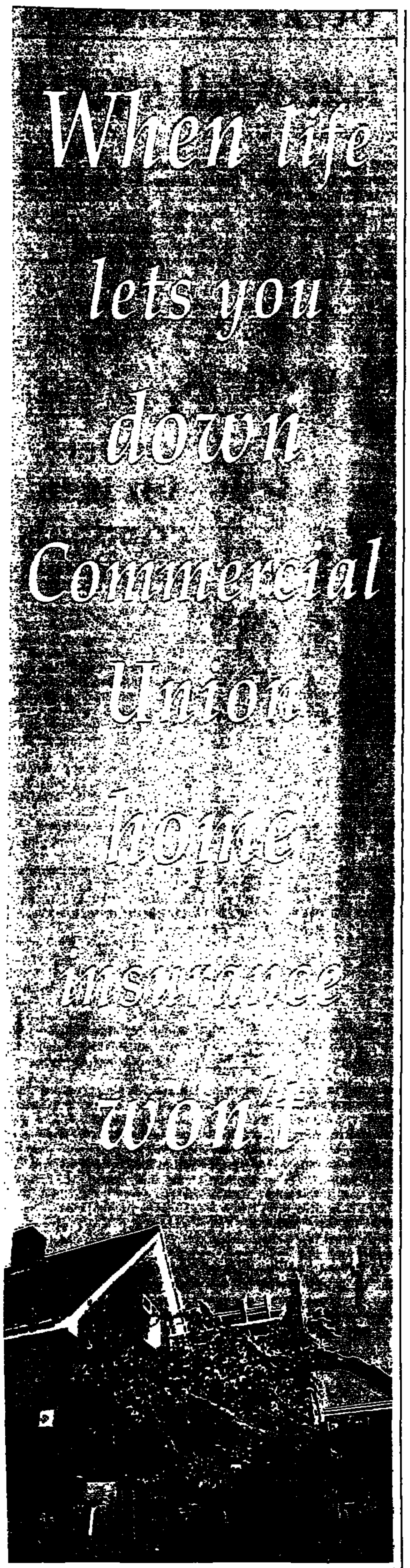

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# Dole's chances melting away in the Florida heat

From Martin Fletcher in Miami

BOB DOLE rushed south to shore up his crumbling support in Florida late yesterday as President Clinton sought to administer the death blow to his opponent's flailing campaign — and secure his own landslide re-election — with a two-day rampage through the Sunshine State.

Florida was supposedly the cornerstone of Mr Dole's election strategy. It has long been considered the most reliably Republican of America's mega-states, voting Republican in nine of the past 11 presidential elections. But even here Mr Clinton has moved narrowly ahead in the polls and Tom Slade, Florida's Republican chairman, admits that "nothing short of a political miracle" can now save the state Mr Dole considers his second home.

Mr Clinton's swing through Florida seemed more of a victory lap than an attempt to attract votes. On Tuesday afternoon a polyglot throng of about 8,000 waited for three hours under a baking sun to greet him at a Miami community college. "This is Clinton country," declared Lawton Chiles, Florida's Governor, to roars of approval and fervent chants of "Four More Years".

That night hundreds of Florida millionaires packed into Coral Gables' opulent Biltmore Hotel to applaud the President and pump a further $2 million (£1.3 million) into his Florida campaign. Yesterday he enjoyed another rapturous reception in Daytona Beach. Supremely confident, Mr Clinton never even mentioned Mr Dole. His principal concern is no longer winning votes but ensuring they are cast. "You will decide [the election] by how you vote. You will also decide by whether you vote," was his refrain at every stop.

Mr Clinton has been determined to win America's fourth largest state ever since 1992 when he erroneously deemed Florida beyond his reach but lost to President Bush by just 100,000 votes out of 5.3 million cast. That year he spent $50,000 on television advertisements. This year he has spent millions, visited six times and even risked a trade war with the European Union in order to win it over.

By far the largest bloc of voters — nearly a third of the total — are the pensioners living in Florida's countless retirement communities and in "Condo Canyon", the long strip of high-rise condominiums that lines the Atlantic coast from Miami to Bal Harbour where the Doles have their flat.

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"Condo commandos" in each building ensure that the pensioners turn out in huge numbers and Mr Clinton has whipped them up with shameless demagogic advertisments claiming Mr Dole would slash Medicare, the federal health insurance programme for the elderly. Older voters, acutely aware of their own limitations, are also the ones most deterred by Mr Dole's age.

Mr Clinton has wooed Forida's environmentalists with an ambitious programme to save the endangered Everglades, but the other powerful Florida voting bloc is Cuban-Americans who can account for up to 15 per cent of the total vote. They are normally staunch Republicans, but not this year.

Mr Clinton delighted them last spring by signing — despite furious protests from the EU, Mexico and Canada — a Bill to punish foreign companies using confiscated American property in Cuba.

The Republican Congress meanwhile has angered not only Cuban-Americans but also the legions of Latin Americans living in this multiethnic state by seeking to deny federal benefits to legal immigrants and make English America's official language. "They are trying to obtain votes from people who are racist," protested Alvaro Arencibia, a young Cuban-American at the Miami rally whose 86-year-old grandmother is being forced to take American citizenship to protect her social security.

Miami's two Cuban-American Republican congressmen have broken ranks with their party on these issues and a recent poll indicated a doubling of Mr Clinton's Cuban-American support, to 41 per cent.

Among Cuban-Americans under 50 he is actually winning. "For the first time in a generation the Cuban vote is in play," Rob Schroth, a Washington pollster, said.

# Danish veto is 'purely technical'

**Copenhagen: Denmark has insisted that its threat to veto the European Union's plan to retaliate over Washington's controversial Helms-Burton anti-Cuba trade laws is purely technical and that it opposes the procedure not the principle, hinting efforts are afoot to solve the impasse (Christopher Follett writes).**

**"Denmark is not against the European Union taking measures against the United States, it is just that we cannot accept the use of Article 235 [of the Treaty of Rome], Niels Helveg Petersen, the Danish Foreign Minister, said yesterday.**

**"I know that others are trying to find an alternative basis on which to proceed."**

**Article 235 is a catch-all clause that allows the EU to act in policy areas not specified elsewhere in the treaty and is viewed with suspicion by governments wary of too much authority from Brussels. The other 14 EU member states have, nevertheless, accepted the use of Article 235 in the Helms-Burton case. Denmark, however, has been made especially sensitive to issues of sovereignty by a pending court case on the issue.**

# Republicans set to ditch candidate for sake of Congress

From Bronwen Maddox in Washington

REPUBLICAN campaign chiefs are urging the party's candidates for Congress to cut their links with Bob Dole's campaign for the presidency in a last-ditch attempt to save their seats. In a dramatic new tactic, they are telling voters who are likely to back President Clinton to back Republicans in congressional races to avoid giving the Democrats overall control of Washington.

"If Clinton is re-elected, heaven forbid, the last thing the American people want is for him to have a blank cheque in the form of a liberal Democrat Congress," Haley Barbour, the Republican national chairman, said.

The new tactics have split the party strategists. Eddie Mahe, a long-standing Republican consultant, argues that the campaign should not "pull the trigger too soon" on Mr Dole, but other party insiders say that if they do not do so, the voters will beat them to it.

With Mr Clinton's lead over Mr Dole in the race for the presidency apparently unassailable, the electoral battle is focusing on control of the House of Representatives and Senate. The Republican admission that Mr Dole may be a liability in congressional races comes in the wake of polls suggesting that the Democrats' chances of regaining control of the House of Representatives are rising.

According to a *New York Times*/CBS News survey of congressional support, 47 per cent of voters favour Democratic candidates, while 39 per cent back Republicans. The Democratic congressional lead is smaller than Mr Clinton's lead over Mr Dole, which the overnight poll for *USA Today*/CNN/Gallup put at 19 points. But it is large enough to suggest that Democrats could win the 18 seats necessary to retake the House, although the Senate presents a greater challenge.

Democrats are struggling to reverse the rout of 1994 when their rivals seized back both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years. Voters were acutely disenchanted with Mr Clinton in the first two years of his presidency, but they have since found Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House, unpalatably radical.

Despite the Republicans' vulnerability, the Clinton campaign has been strikingly reluctant to spend time and money on supporting congressional candidates.

# Trump buys right to run Miss Universe

From Quentin Letts in New York

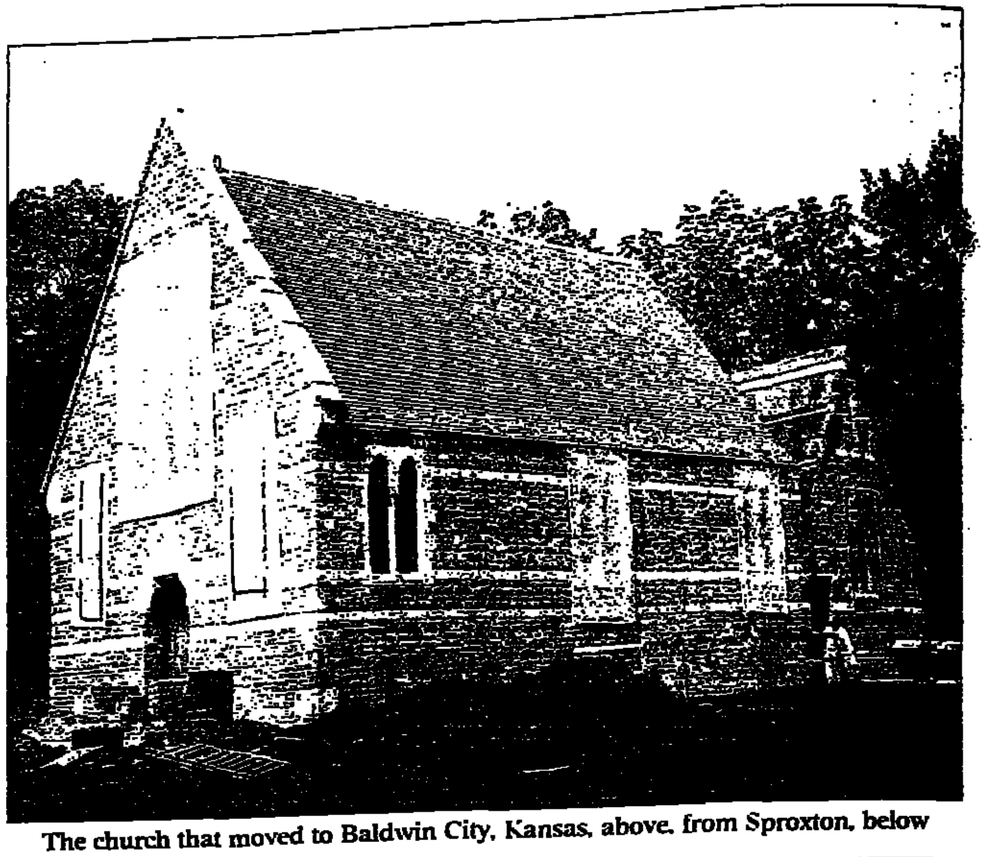
IN A meeting of like minds, the multi-millionaire New York property developer and playboy Donald Trump has paid "tens of millions of dollars" to become impresario of the Miss Universe beauty contest. It looks like a triumph for political incorrectness.

Mr Trump intends to "give the people what they want". He has indicated that he will keep the girls in their swimsuits and that under his stewardship the emphasis of the show will remain, resolutely, good looks and pneumatic vital statistics.

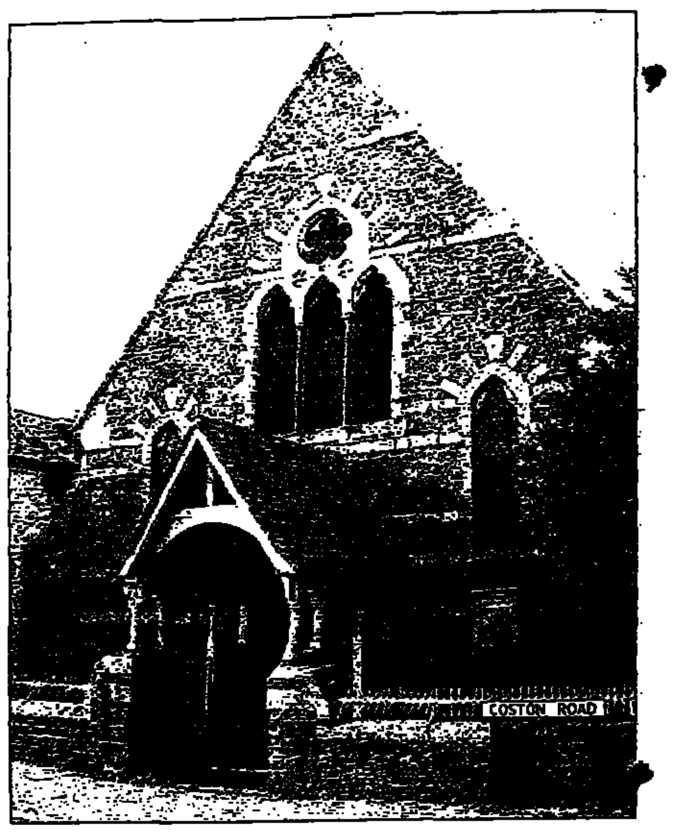
The rival Miss America pageant has surrendered to complaints of sexism and these days places equal importance on "character". Contestants must give, often absurd, speeches on their "policies" and are asked to display talents such as acting, music or singing.

In the smooth palms of Mr Trump, however, Miss Universe will be a parade of slightly clad lovelies.

Details of his deal were not disclosed, but it was reported he had bought the rights not only to Miss Universe but also to Miss USA and Miss Teen USA.



The church that moved to Baldwin City, Kansas, above, from Sproxton, below



# Thatcher dedicates father's chapel

From James Bone
in New York

BARONESS THATCHER yesterday rededicated an old Methodist chapel, where her father once preached and which has been rebuilt in America.

The abandoned chapel was dismantled in the Leicestershire village of Sproxton, near Grantham, last year and shipped across in crates after it was bought by a Methodist university in Baldwin City, Kansas. Reassembled, it now stands resplendent at the centre of the college green on the campus of Baker University.

Its ironstone walls and clay-tiled roof gleam after a clean-up operation removed more than a century of grime, and the sun squints into the simple wooden interior through its impressive stained-glass windows.

The chapel was originally built in the Gothic Revival style in 1864 on land donated by a local draper named John Coy in Sproxton, not far from Lady Thatcher's hometown of Grantham.

Alfred Roberts, the former prime minister's father and a popular lay preacher, visited the chapel on many occasions in the 1930s and 1940s to conduct the service there. With the congregation dwindling, however, the building was shuttered in 1988 and subseqently bought by Baker University.

A group of 25 British villagers from the Sproxton area, who arrived in Kansas last Thursday for the rededication ceremony, expressed delight at seeing the familiar chapel in its new location. "It looked really marvellous," said Annie Stockwell, one of the last surviving church members, who was married in the building.

"It's different because it is in a much better position than it was in Sproxton. I could not have wished for better. If a place is closed something has got to be done with it. If it stands there it will just deteriorate."

The relocation of the chapel was the brain-child of Daniel Lambert, the president of Baker University, who felt that the Methodist-affiliated college ought to have a link to the denomination's British roots. The project was financed with $1 million (£629,000) from R. R. Osborne, a 92-year-old former banker and property developer and lifelong Methodist.

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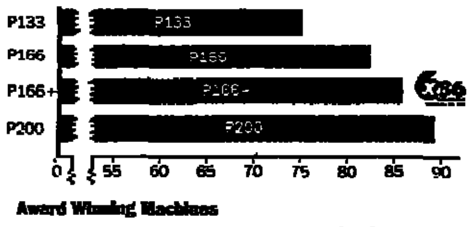

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# Chirac renews call for EU role in seeking Middle East peace

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

PRESIDENT CHIRAC set France on a new collision course with the United States yesterday by repeating demands for a central role for Europe in the flagging Middle East peace process despite earlier strong refusals from Israel and Washington.

M Chirac, hailed as a "valiant knight" in the Arab media and demonised by many on the Israeli Right, made his appeal at the West Bank town of Ramallah in a speech to the 88-seat Palestinian Legislature — the first since its foundation by a foreign head of state.

Fresh from verbal clashes with Israeli security guards in Jerusalem's Old City, the French leader outlined his goal of a new political role for France and the European Union at a moment when many fear the 1993 peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians is near collapse.

"In this process, the United States has played an essential role and we can never thank them enough for what they have done," M Chirac told deputies who greeted his call for a Palestinian state with a rapturous ovation. "Today, however, we see that the peace process has somehow run out of breath and there is a certain deterioration of confidence between the sides. France and the European Union can build confidence."

The French leader, who chose to ignore the flat rejection earlier in the week by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and David Levy, his Foreign Minister, of his demands for a new European role, told the Palestinians that "we will continue to mobilise the [European] Union to ensure that its political role be commensurate with its economic commitment so that it becomes a co-sponsor of the peace process".

Diplomats said that M Chirac's high-profile demand for a European role as American mediation is getting close to securing an accord between the right-wing Israeli Government and the Palestinians over Israeli troop redeployment in Hebron might pose difficulties for other EU members.

They noted that Britain — whose Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, is due in Jerusalem next month — would be keen to avoid offending America and Germany had historical reasons for not crossing Israel.

Senior US State Department officials disclosed that Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had asked the Europeans, especially the French, to stay involved in the peace process but not to complicate the leading role played by America.

# Lebed dismisses Kremlin 'proof' of plot to stage coup

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN prosecutors have reportedly received documentary evidence showing that Aleksandr Lebed, the sacked National Security Adviser, was plotting to overthrow the Government by force.

According to Interior Ministry sources quoted by Itar-Tass last night the papers "confirmed every word" of accusations made last week by Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, whose charges ultimately led to General Lebed's dismissal.

General Kulikov, who was engaged in weeks of public feuding with the outspoken former paratrooper, said that General Lebed was laying the foundations for a 50,000-man "Russian Legion" which would be under his command. He also said General Lebed had plotted to use 1,500 Chechen rebel fighters to help him to seize power in a "coup".

It was not immediately clear last night if the announcement from the Interior Ministry was the parting shot in the war of words between the two generals, or whether the authorities do really intend to try to prosecute General Lebed, whose popularity continues to rise.

Certainly, he seemed typically unflustered by the allegations. Before setting off on holiday yesterday he dismissed the allegations as nonsense. "Where are the crowds or the lists of plotters caught by our esteemed Interior Minister?" he asked. "Where are their bases? Where do they store their arms? Where are these Chechens coming to the capital in droves? It is the purest fiction."

In spite of his denials, there is concern in the Kremlin that his sacking, combined with the general disgruntlement in the armed forces, could presage some sort of armed insurrection.

General Lebed has twice given warning that the military could "mutiny" this autumn because the Government has failed to pay salaries and meet its financial obligations to the armed forces. One group of officers in the General Staff headquarters has already threatened to retaliate against the Kremlin leadership unless their back wages are paid tomorrow.

Certainly Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, appeared jittery yesterday when he addressed the Federal Security Service (FSB), the successor the KGB, and warned its officers not to get involved in extremist politics.

While the situation in Russia now is relatively calm, there is a real threat of renewed political turmoil next month when President Yeltsin is scheduled to undergo open heart surgery and Mr Chernomyrdin is supposed to stand in as Head of State.

Although the Russian Prime Minister did not name those attempting to coerce the security services, he said they were taking advantage of the country's newly installed democratic reforms to "create extremist, militarised, terrorist and other formations".

He told the senior FSB officers that it was their duty to prevent their agents "allowing themselves to be dragged into conflict between various political groups".

Although he did not specify further, he could have been talking about General Lebed when he concluded his speech with this remark: "It is impossible not to see the gravitation towards a strong hand, towards simple, effective but essentially forceful methods of resolving problems accumulating in society in unconstitutional ways."

AFP

Gro Harlem Brundtland announcing her resignation as Prime Minister

# Norway's leader bows out amid UN job reports

FROM JAMES BONE, UNITED NATIONS CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister of Norway, Gro Harlem Brundtland, said yesterday that she would resign tomorrow. The surprise resignation provoked speculation that she would seek to become the first woman Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mrs Brundtland, who has dominated Norwegian politics for the past 15 years, stunned the country by telling Parliament that she would step down to make way for her protégé, Thorbjoern Jagland. She said she would ask King Harald V to name Mr Jagland, the leader of the governing Labour Party, as her successor and that the country's policies would remain unchanged.

Mrs Brundtland, who was Prime Minister three times and governed for almost 12 years, said she had timed her resignation two weeks before the Labour Party's convention to enable it to prepare for the general election set for next September.

Her sudden departure has fuelled speculation that she was angling to succeed Boutros Boutros Ghali as UN Secretary-General when his five-year term expires at the end of the year.

A doctor by training, whose first ministerial post, as Environment Minister, came in 1974, Mrs Brundtland, 57, has long been an outspoken champion of developing countries, women's rights and the environment. She chaired the UN's World Commission on Environment and Development which produced the so-called *Brundtland report* on development strategy and led to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. A respected voice on UN issues, Mrs Brundtland's name often surfaces as a possible UN Secretary-General. This year she discussed the post with Madeleine Albright, Washington's UN Ambassador, who has vowed to veto a second term for Dr Boutros Ghali.

Mrs Brundtland, however, was coy last night about her international ambitions. Asked about her plans, she said she had planned to return to the back benches, but joked: "Nothing is alien to me."

Her resignation comes as the race to succeed Dr Boutros Ghali heats up, with Washington expected to cast a formal veto against him. African nations are trying to find another African to succeed Dr Boutros Ghali, an Egyptian. Among the potential African candidates are Salim Salim, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity; Hamid Algabid, the leader of the Islamic Conference Organisation, and Kofi Annan, the head of UN peacekeeping.

Window shopping in Amsterdam

# Bordellos told to bolt down beds

FROM MARK FULLER IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM city council is ordering brothel owners to bolt down beds to prevent over-ardent clients and prostitutes from falling off and injuring themselves, and window prostitutes will have to be seated behind reinforced glass, as part of a new licensing system for the city's sex industry.

Following the failure of a Bill to legalise brothels, the Dutch capital has set up its own licensing system with strict health and safety regulations, designed to convert the clandestine sex industry into a "normal business".

A recent inspection of 250 brothels revealed that more than half failed to meet the new regulations, which govern everything from the minimum size of the room to the legal status of the prostitute. The 160 suspect brothels will receive official notice in two weeks that they are not eligible for a licence, and if they fail to correct the situation, they will be closed down.

# Rome preaches to the unconverted

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ALARMED by rising pollution levels which threaten both tourists and residents in Rome — not to mention its ancient buildings — the authorities yesterday banned cars without catalytic converters from the city centre. But the ban only lasted from 3pm to 8pm, and there was little immediate impact on the haze that hung in the autumn sunshine.

Catalytic converters became mandatory on new vehicles six years ago, and yesterday motorists unable to prove that their vehicles were fitted with one were fined £40 on the spot.

The ban was imposed by Francesco Rutelli, the go-ahead young Mayor of Rome, who is keen to reduce pollution and congestion ahead of the millennium celebrations, when Rome expects at least 30 million visitors. Rome has also tried this week to persuade the International Olympic Committee that it is is the ideal venue for the 2004 Olympics.

In Rome, Milan and Turin, officially recorded carbon monoxide levels regularly go above the "danger level" of 15 milligrams per cubic metre of air. According to medical studies conducted on behalf of the Rome traffic police, in the past 20 years 557 policemen have died from cancerous tumours attributable to air pollution, much of it caused by car exhausts rather than industrial emissions.

Experimental bans on cars have been tried before — most recently in January — but this time the area of the ban was widened, with motorists whose vehicles did not have catalytic converters obliged to leave them beyond the ring road round the city. Emergency vehicles such as ambulances were exempted, as were mopeds, scooters and delivery vehicles carring perishable goods.

# Portillo attacks plan for EU defence role

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN hopes to avert a possible crisis with France and Germany over their plans for the European Union to be able to launch its own defence initiatives, but it will insist on retaining its veto and on keeping Nato as Europe's sole military structure, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday.

Speaking in Brussels a day after France and Germany launched the plan, he said he was "depressed" by continental efforts to create a common defence policy. Britain would oppose giving the EU control over the Western European Union, a defence grouping of European states given powers this year to act as the European arm of Nato.

Europe had a common defence — the Atlantic Alliance, he said. "We have benefited from that for nearly 50 years; it does not need to be recreated now." However, Mr Portillo, who said last year that Britons would never "die for Brussels", hoped some compromise on defence could be reached at the present negotiations to revise the Maastricht treaty.

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# Bardot family sues over book

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

BRIGITTE BARDOT's former husband and son asked a French judge to halt the sale of her best-selling memoirs yesterday, claiming that they paint a "nauseating" and unfair portrait of them and citing love letters written by the former actress to suggest her memory is faulty.

In her book, *Initials B.B.*, which has sold 400,000 copies since it was published last month, Mme Bardot depicts her ex-husband, the former actor Jacques Charrier, as violent, macho, seedy and drunk, lawyer Karen Berreby argued before the Paris Tribunal yesterday.

Mme Bardot, 62, writes that she did not want to have their son, Nicolas, and hoped for a miscarriage, describing him as "a tumour that was feeding off me". The child was born on January 11, 1960.

The two plaintiffs demanded that the offending passages be deleted and that existing unexpurgated copies of the book be removed from the shelves of French bookshops immediately.

They are also seeking a provisional payment of 800,000 francs (£105,000) in damages for the "nauseating descriptions" of Mme Bardot's relationship with her former husband and son in the 1960s.

After hearing the evidence, Judge Alain Lacabarats said he would issue a ruling on October 31.

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# Hong Kong official was 'informer for Peking'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

MEMBERS of the Hong Kong Legislative Council suggested yesterday that Lawrence Leung, the former director of immigration, furnished Peking with the names of Hong Kong residents secretly holding British passports and gave local identity papers to Chinese illegally entering the colony. He may also have disclosed to Peking the names of Chinese dissidents sheltering in Hong Kong.

A council member issued a warning that if the allegations proved true they would damage Hong Kong's international standing. At the end of a robust debate, the council voted overwhelmingly to hold public hearings on the Leung case. The hearings were opposed by Woon-kwong Lam, Secretary for the Civil Service, who said the allegations were fanciful speculations in which there was "no public interest".

The Government has insisted since Mr Leung retired on a day's notice last summer that it was for "personal reasons". Mr Leung, who served for 31 years, has maintained that that was the case. Selina Chow, a councillor specialising in security matters, said the Leung case could affect "the entire image of Hong Kong". She referred to allegations concerning what she termed "too close a relationship with China", giving rise to fears that Mr Leung might have revealed state secrets to Peking.

The Hong Kong Government, she said, had received "unflattering" information about Mr Leung and forced him to retire. That may have been a reference to reports that the Canadian Government had warned the authorities here that people purporting to be Hong Kong citizens or Chinese dissidents living in Hong Kong and bearing false documents had sought entry into Canada.

Other questions were yet more painful, Mrs Chow said. They included the allegation that Mr Leung had furnished the Chinese with thousands of names of Hong Kong citizens with the right of abode in Britain. This was a reference to the 50,000 Hong Kong people and their dependants who in 1990, after Tiananmen, were given British passports on a confidential basis. Mr Leung is also alleged to have given permits to settle in Hong Kong to many more Chinese citizens than regulations allowed. She also alleged that Mr Leung "possibly" had furnished Peking with the names of Chinese dissidents permitted to live in Hong Kong.

Cheung Man-kwong, another councillor, accused the Government of "acting in a black box" and of being unwilling to confirm the truth. That had encouraged a loss of confidence in the Government, he said, which was "covering up a major issue of public interest".

Challenging government assertions that Mr Leung was allowed to retire at his request last July with a full pension, Mr Cheung asked if the Government had taken the initiative by giving Mr Leung ten hours to leave his post, or if it had "warned, suggested or forced him to use a private reason to retire".

Last week, when Chris Patten, the Governor, was asked if he would characterise Mr Leung's service as excellent, he said merely: "He worked for the Hong Kong Government for many years."

## UN warning to Britain

**Geneva: Britain was warned by members of a United Nations monitoring body yesterday that it will be legally responsible for the surveillance of human rights in Hong Kong after the handover to Chinese rule (Peter Capella writes).**

**In a one-day hearing on the future of the colony, the UN Human Rights Committee called for continued reporting on the situation after July 1997, despite Chinese reticence. At present, Britain is obliged to give a regular account to the UN panel of its observance of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.**

**China has not signed the covenant and has argued that it will not be required to apply its standards in Hong Kong after the transfer of sovereignty. Britain promised to keep monitoring.**

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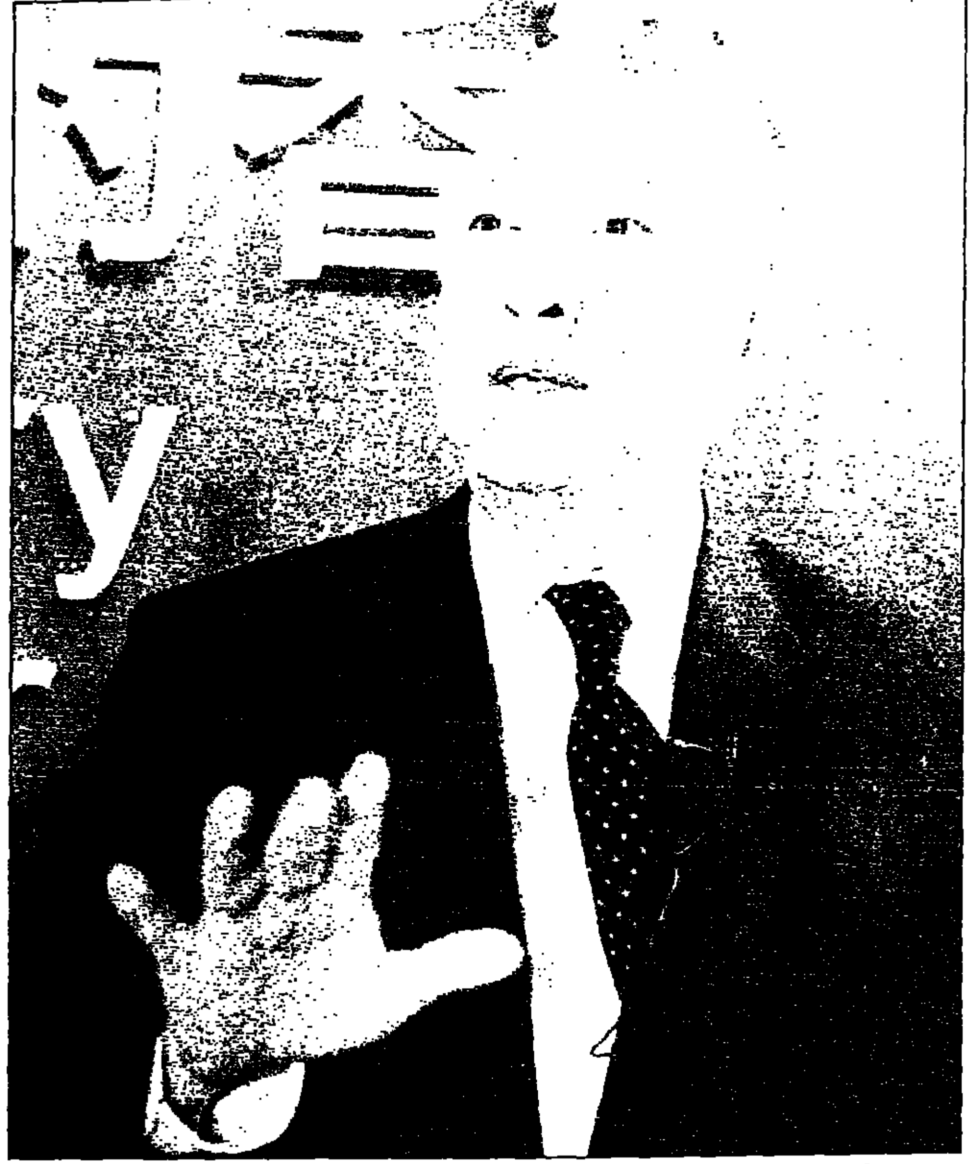

C.H. Tung, who said a Chief Executive will be chosen within a month

# Two of Patten's would-be successors go public on future of colony

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY

TWO of the four men competing to win Peking's selection as Hong Kong's first Chief Executive, the post-1997 equivalent of Governor, set out their policies in public for the first time yesterday. Personalities aside, they sounded distinctly alike. That is because all four are alike.

Speaking yesterday were C.H. Tung, 59, a shipping tycoon and long-time favourite of Peking and London, and Simon Li, 74, a retired High Court judge who three years ago cast his lot in with China.

Also seeking the post are Sir T.L. Yang, 67, the soon-to-retire Chief Justice, and Peter Woo, 50, who controls shops, television, shipping and container terminals and property and who is the son-in-law of Sir Y.K. Pao, one of Hong Kong's wealthiest entrepreneurs.

Mr Li alone was born in the colony, the Li clan being the closest it has to aristocracy. One daughter, Gladys, is a QC and his political opposite. A son is foreign editor of the *Los Angeles Times* and two nephews are David Li, the Bank of East Asia chairman, and Dr Arthur Li, Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The other three all come from Shanghai and are refugees from a regime they now seek to represent. When Sir T.L. Yang was appointed Chief Justice by the then Governor, Sir David Wilson, he was universally described as mediocre but scandal-free. Neither he nor the others will commit themselves over human rights questions or the new Hong Kong Government's legality under its future sovereign.

Mr Woo makes much of his chairmanship of the Hospital Authority as a sign of his public-spiritedness — an interest that is two years old. He is very cautious on democracy and civil rights.

Yesterday, Mr Tung, a Liverpool University graduate, refused to disclose who lent him £75.5 million in the mid-Eighties when his father's shipping empire went bankrupt. The lender was widely said to have been China's Transport Ministry. Mr Tung also served on Chris Patten's Executive Council where it was assumed he would be a conduit to Peking. He resigned when his Chief Executive candidature loomed.

He denied that China would hand-pick a Chief Executive, but insisted that the 400-member committee, to be selected by Peking, will make a genuine choice within a month. Mr Li, asked if he agreed with the Hong Kong bar that China's intention to replace the existing wholly elected Legislative Council has no basis in law, said: "I have no opinion. That will be decided by the National People's Congress in Peking."

Asked about possible post-1997 problems, he said: "Hong Kong will be part of China, part of its flesh and blood. There will be no problems."

# Mandela names first black Chief Justice

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA appointed Judge Ismail Mohomed as South Africa's first black Chief Justice yesterday amid claims that the President had acted irregularly by backing him to fill the post.

The announcement was made by Jakes Gerwel, the Cabinet Secretary, who said that the appointment was in line with the Judicial Service Commission's recommendation after public interviews for the post. Mr Mandela had made the decision after interviewing Judge Mohomed and the only other candidate, Mr Justice Hennie van Heerden, the second most senior appellate division judge.

By tradition the appointment to Chief Justice is based on seniority and Mr Justice van Heerden, an Afrikaner who was backed by the overwhelming majority of judges, is regarded as an outstanding jurist.

However black lawyers' associations and dissenting judges argued that he was identified with the apartheid era and those campaigning for Judge Mohomed, Deputy President of the Constitutional Court, won unexpected personal support from Mr Mandela.

Last night, speculation rose that Mr Mandela's choice of Judge Mohomed could provoke resignations among the appeal judges.

## WORLD SUMMARY

### Air crash fireball kills 30

**Manta, Ecuador:** A cargo plane burst into flames shortly after take-off and hit a church bell tower, raining fiery debris on dozens of homes in Manta, Ecuador, killing at least 30 people on the ground and leaving 80 injured.

The Boeing 707 bound for Miami hit La Dolorosa Church on Tuesday night. All three members of the crew, one believe to be an American, as well as the priest, were reported killed. "It is impossible to know the number of victims because the flames have prevented us from reaching all the homes," one firefighter said. *(AP)*

### Rock's status downgraded

**London:** Britain has appointed a lower-ranking officer to be the next commander of British forces in Gibraltar, providing further evidence of the Rock's downgrading as a naval base (Michael Evans writes). Gibraltar is one of about ten sub-regional headquarters in Nato which may be eliminated in a headquarters streamlining operation. Under the Nato plans, Gibraltar could be absorbed into a wider command.

### No verdict on British surgeon

**Wellington:** A New Zealand jury begins its third day of deliberation to reach a verdict in the trial of Keith Douglas Ramstead, 44, a former British heart and lung surgeon from Liverpool, who pleaded not guilty to manslaughter over the deaths of three patients, on whom he operated for lung cancer while working here in 1991 and 1992. *(Reuter)*

### Suspended jail term for Armani

**Milan:** Giorgio Armani, the fashion designer, has received a 20-day suspended jail sentence for corruption under a plea-bargaining deal. Lawyers sought the deal at a hearing where he was among 43 people who are alleged to have paid or received bribes for easy tax audits. *(Reuter)*

### Most valuable stamp for sale

**Geneva:** The most valuable single postage stamp in the world, the so-called "Treskilling Yellow", issued in Sweden in 1857, is to be auctioned in Zurich by a Swede who bought it for nearly £800,000 in 1990 but never fully paid for it. *(Reuter)*

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# Women use make-up in fight against Taleban code

**Michael Dynes** reports from Mazar-i-Sharif that women there are refusing to submit to Taleban oppression

ADRIAN BROOKS

Unveiled women in Mazar-i-Sharif demonstrate outside the mosque as anger against Taleban restrictions on women in the capital rose yesterday

CHANTING women demonstrated outside the blue mosque in central Mazar-i-Sharif yesterday in protest against the antiquated strictures imposed by the radical Taleban militia on women in Kabul.

Participants threw off their traditional *burkas* to don lipstick, rouge, nail varnish and high heels in an act of defiance against Taleban, which had been given the approval of the religious and political leaders in this northern Afghan city. Since capturing Kabul last month, Taleban has banned girls from attending school and prohibited women from working in offices. Those who have refused to comply have been bullied, beaten and imprisoned.

Expressions of defiance against Taleban's Islamic code have been rare and ruthlessly suppressed. A woman doctor in Kabul was killed for ignoring the instruction not to work at one of the local hospitals.

A wave of panic swept Mazar after the fall of Kabul for fear that Taleban would soon impose similar restrictions there. That anxiety subsided, however, after General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern Uzbek warlord, said that he would never allow to come to the city.

Like Kabul, Mazar has tens of thousands of war widows who are the sole breadwinners in their families. Women have also flourished under General Dostum's liberal Islamic regime. They are horrified at the thought of being banned from the professions and other walks of life.

Women in Mazar who wear the *burka*, which covers them from head to foot, with a cotton mesh over the eyes, do so for cultural not religious reasons. They are free not to wear it if they so choose.

Demonstrators reacted with jubilation on hearing the news that General Ahmed Shah Masood, the head of the former Government's defence forces, had launched a new offensive against the Taleban militia's positions in northern Kabul.

Jamila Tallayee, a middle-aged Kabul woman who left the capital a week after Taleban took over, said: "During the 17 years of war in Afghanistan, women have had to fend for themselves. Taleban views on women have no authority in the Koran. We do not like them and we do not want them here."

In an emotional address to the demonstrators, Fasyan Khan, a female engineering graduate from Balkh University in Mazar, said: "Islam allows women to have a life. Women should not be kept illiterate. We will not accept this. Thousands of women in Mazar are widows. They need to be able to continue their lives." The demonstrators issued a declaration calling on the international community to put pressure on Taleban to stop its oppression of women and enable them to "participate in the reconstruction of war-ravaged Afghanistan".

# Bhutto is accused of shooting 'cover-up'

From Zahid Hussain in Karachi

THE Bhutto family feud has taken a new turn as Ghinwa Bhutto, the widow of Benazir Bhutto's younger brother Murtaza, publicly accused Pakistan's Prime Minister of defending the police officers allegedly involved in his death.

She has also rejected a three-member tribunal that has been set up by the Government to investigate the killing, saying that she had no confidence in the administration.

Murtaza Bhutto and seven supporters were killed in police gunfire in Karachi last month. Ghinwa alleged that the killing was masterminded by the police chief and the head of the intelligence bureau that comes under the federal Government. The administration rejected that allegation and refused to take any action against the police officials.

Talking to journalists at a house in Karachi, Ghinwa said that the administration was protecting the killers. She said there was no question of reaching a political compromise with her sister-in-law until those involved in her husband's death were arrested.

Ghinwa Bhutto, who is Palestinian-born, has also hinted that she might accept the leadership of her husband's faction of the Pakistan People's Party and challenge the Government. She plans to make an announcement about her political future at a memorial rally for her husband in Larkana tomorrow.

The accusation has embarrassed Benazir Bhutto and most observers believe it will fuel public resentment against her Government, particularly in her home Sindh province.

# Warlord's tanks support ousted government army in push for Kabul

From Christopher Thomas in Kabul

FIGHTING intensified north of Kabul yesterday in a battle for control of strategic high points overlooking the city. General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord who controls six northern provinces, has moved more tanks and artillery to the outskirts of the capital to support troops loyal to the ousted Government.

The Taleban Islamic militia, which captured Kabul on September 27, sent more forces and artillery out of the city to meet the offensive. The battle is being fought between five and ten miles from the outskirts of the capital and the distant thud of shelling can be heard from central Kabul.

Pakistan's attempts to broker a ceasefire remain in trouble. The United Nations is also involved in trying to bring peace, but feels that it is being undercut by Islamabad's efforts. Taleban has agreed to a ceasefire to enable an exchange of prisoners, but that has been dismissed by its enemies as inadequate. What they are looking for is tantamount to surrender.

General Ahmed Shah Masood, defence chief of the former Government, insists that Kabul's rulers must agree to open discussions on withdrawing from the city before there can be a ceasefire. His tanks have been shelling the foothills on the northern edge of the capital to drive Taleban back into the city, but the Islamic army is constantly moving its positions.

General Masood would have a commanding view of the civilian airport if he captured the foothills. He has pledged not to bomb or shell Kabul, unlike other Afghan warlords who have killed thousands of civilians over the past four years. General Masood's next target, if he can drive Taleban back into Kabul, will probably be the eastern city of Sarobi, on the crucial supply road to the Khyber Pass.

Many expatriate aid workers have left, but those remaining believe that the city will not be bombarded.

# Panic as fleeing Hutus flood into Zairean town

From Sam Kiley in Bugarama, southwest Rwanda

TENS of thousands of Hutu refugees fleeing fighting in Zaire flooded into the town of Bukavu yesterday, spreading panic that was worsened by looting by local soldiers.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 40,000 Hutus and 10,000 Zairean villagers had poured into Bukavu in Zaire yesterday after fleeing fighting between the Zairean army and Zairean Tutsis in Uvira, 50 miles south.

Their arrival sparked panic among the 300,000 Hutus, originally from Rwanda, who were living in nearby camps. Many fled to the west of Bukavu, into the jungle of the Congo River basin. Zairean soldiers, retreating from Tutsi warriors, rampaged through the town.

Meanwhile in Bugarama, *The Times* has been able to establish that the Rwandan army has fought with the armed forces of Zaire in the Uvira region in defence of Zairean Tutsis who have lived there for 200 years.

Local people in Bugarama, a village on the knot of borders between Burundi, Zaire and Rwanda, confirmed intelligence source reports that about 2,000 Rwandan soldiers crossed into Burundi and then Zaire last week.

Rwandan soldiers have "requisitioned" four-wheel-drive vehicles from Zaire, some of which were owned by relief agencies. Along with their Zairean Tutsi comrades, they have emptied Uvira of everything and everyone.

The Rwandan Government denied allegations that it has sent soldiers to help the Banyamulenge (as Zaire's Tutsis are known) in resisting attempts by the Zairean army to expel them from Zaire. But earlier this month Rwandan government sources said they would close Hutu refugee camps by force if the international community did not shut them down.

Uvira, home to about 220,000 Hutus from Rwanda and Burundi, has been used for the past two years as a base for Hutu rebel insurgents for operations inside both countries. Hutu camps spread along the border with Zaire house a million refugees, many of whom took part in the massacre of Rwandan Tutsis in 1994.

After increased Hutu attacks inside Rwanda and an alliance between the Zairean army and the Hutu extremists, it is now clear that Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated army is prepared to ignore international borders in its attempt to cripple *"les genocideurs"*.

## British air aid pilot released

**London:** Captain Glen Neville-Smith, a British refugee-supply pilot detained by Zaire since July when army berets were found on his aircraft, was released yesterday, the Foreign Office said, and was flying to Uganda.

Captain Neville-Smith had been flying aid to a Goma refugee camp. The plane's owners said that berets for the Ugandan Army were on board by mistake. *(Reuter)*

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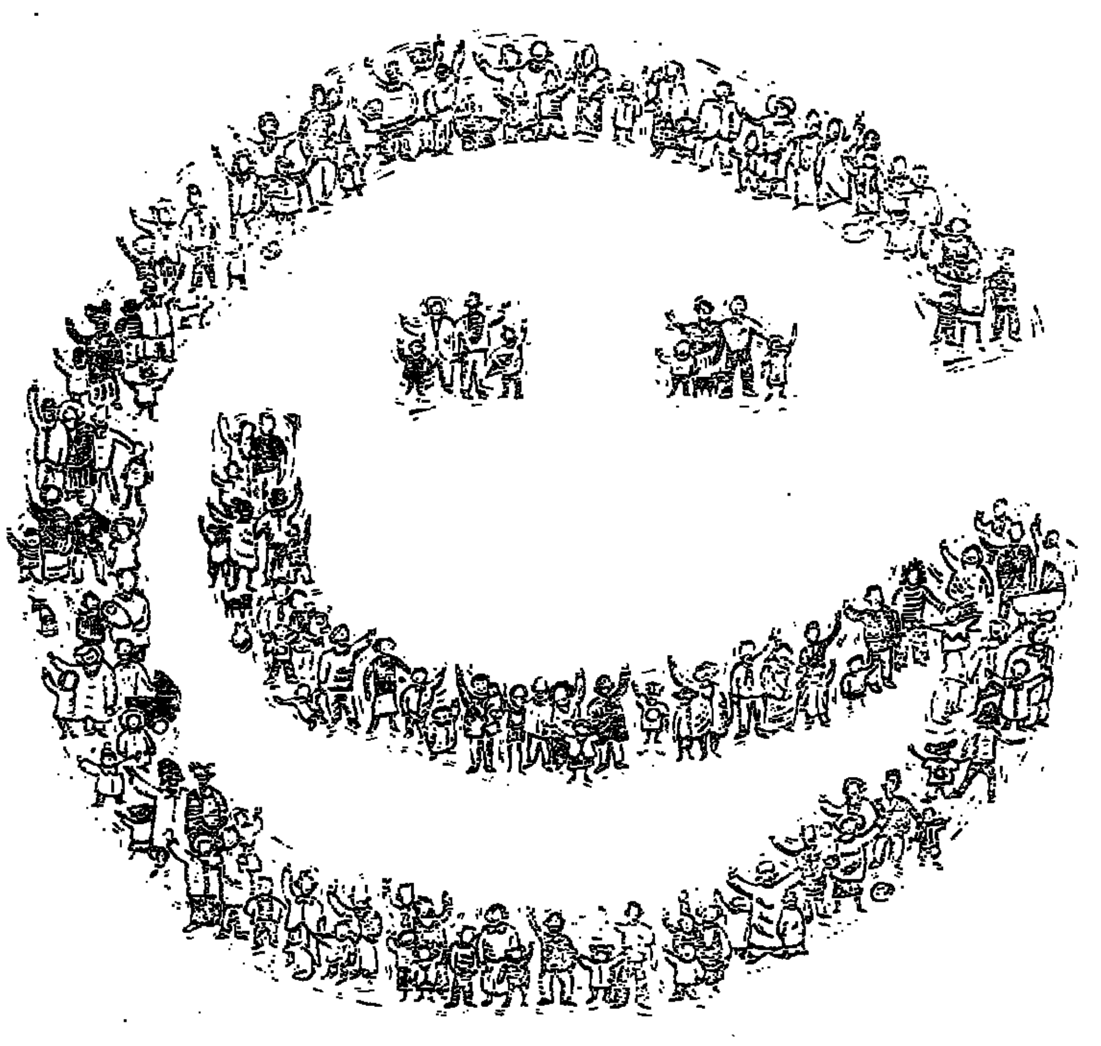

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**Dr Thomas Stuttaford** on controlling antisocial behaviour, height deficiencies in children, flu injections for the vulnerable, reducing the deathrate from an irregular heartbeat, and a treatment for glaucoma that needs to be put in only once a day

# How do you handle the bad boys?

Paul Gascoigne admits that he beats up his wife and has been involved in various other acts of antisocial behaviour on and off the football field. Mick Jagger is rarely out of the news, kept there by recurrently giving way to some instinctive impulse, seemingly regardless of its impact on those around him.

Alex Fryatt, the boyfriend of Sarah Holt (*who is now out of the jail to which she was committed because she* wouldn't give evidence against him), is alleged to have regularly battered her, to have destroyed her possessions and to have pinned her photograph to a wall with a knife.

Although antisocial behaviour is in many cases confined to the marital home, or to the company of cronies, it displays to a lesser degree many of the same characteristics which prompt road rage, or unprovoked attacks in the street.

At its worst, casual thoughtless violence may result in the heartless torture of an elderly householder surprised by a burglar, or the wanton murder of somebody who interferes in a gallant attempt to preserve law and order.

The socially concerned often plead for people who repeatedly act in this way to be given treatment. The demand is even louder when a successful person commits some impulsive act which is totally inappropriate to their lifestyle.

There have been calls this week that both Gazza and Jagger should be seen, as the Prime Minister would say, by those in white coats and have counselling — which in some people's view is a panacea for all psychiatric ills.

Suggestions of treatment are sometimes accepted by patients with a personality disorder if they are made by those in whom they are in awe. Usually, however, the would-be patients accept counselling only if they feel that it might help them to have a more profitable or enjoyable life. The truth is that most patients with a personality disorder don't give a damn what others think about them.

In most cases when counselling is used, the result is disappointing. Many of the patients have little desire to change their personalities and are not troubled by an uneasy conscience.

Treatment is made even more difficult because they not only usually fail to make deep, long-lasting sexual relationships, they also lack trust in those who are trying to help them.

Twin studies have confirmed that there is an obvious genetic component to the development of an antisocial personality. Home background does count, however — a conscience is nurtured in childhood by association and identification with parents, and if this relationship is deficient because of the absence of parental influence, or its inadequacy, antisocial traits may develop.

The man who is going to have trouble later will as a child be unusually egocentric *and demanding.*

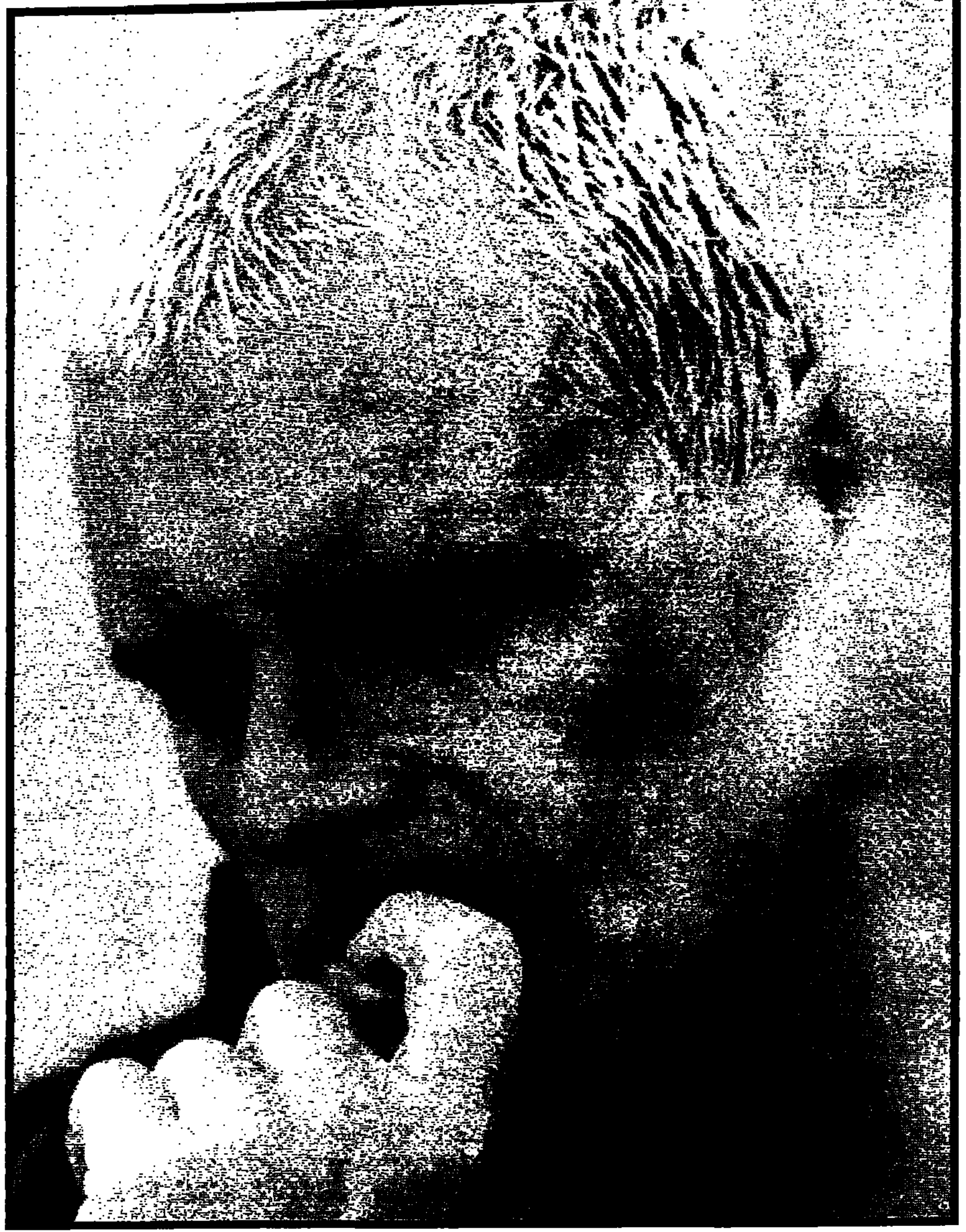
*Before long the potential wife beater, road rager, and hellraiser* is in trouble with authority for lying, bullying, theft and other petty misdemeanours. Without a normal conscience such people are indifferent to right and wrong but still know what society demands of its members.

Dr Robert Andrey is one of the leading experts on antisocial personality disorders, particularly when related to prisoners. He says that such personality disorders are of very varying severity — from the manipulative entrepreneur or politician, to at the other extreme the murderer or gangland boss who mutilates his rivals to retain command.

The successful politician, or tycoon, is often found to be unusually but insincerely charming — for he will have discovered that there is no better way to achieve one's objective than to be able to turn on the charm.

Very often the success of these people's professional lives is in contrast to the chaos of their personal life, where their amorality and domestic unreliability leaves a trail of broken marriages, drunken escapades and disturbed children.

The result of treatment depends on the degree of severity of the personality defect and how much conscience the patient has as a result. Dr Andrey found that in prison a quarter of his psychopathic patients responded to attempts to modify their behaviour by a system of punishment and reward. About a quarter were hopeless and did not respond and in the remaining half there was some chance of improvement.



**Paul Gascoigne has been constantly in the news because of his behaviour and there have been calls for him to have counselling**

## Help for a heart that has lost its rhythm

DEATH after a coronary thrombosis does not usually occur as a result of the amount of muscle destroyed during the heart attack, although this does happen, but because the heart is apt to develop an irregular rhythm.

Various drugs have been tried in an effort to cut the deathrate from cardiac arrhythmia. These drugs have been reviewed recently by Dr Henry Purcell, a research fellow at the Royal Brompton Hospital, London, in *Monitor* magazine.

The initial survey carried out in the cardiac arrhythmia suppression trial showed that the drugs which were initially used were worse than useless, for the deathrate when they were given went up in the treated patients. A different drug, Amiodarone, has been more successful. Even when used by those who had suffered extensive heart damage, Amiodarone reduced the deathrate from arrhythmia.

## New drops for glaucoma

THE treatment of glaucoma, the condition in which the eye's pressure is too high, has been made easier.

Timoptol LA is a new preparation of a beta-blocker that needs to be used only once a day. Timoptol LA is a transparent gel which is as easy to instil into the eye as a liquid solution, but has the advantage of remaining in contact with the surface of the eyes for much longer and therefore has a more prolonged action. The new preparation occasionally causes transient initial blurring.

## When children stay small

DOCTORS and parents should be grateful to the rag trade for much of the information about the changing shape of British children, and what is now an acceptable size and height. The British clothing manufacturers have funded research into the development of children and have produced interesting data on the trends. The research sponsored by the clothiers has shown that the Welsh are shorter than the English, but heavier and presumably more muscular, the build which makes for good scrum-halves and front-row forwards. The children in the South of England are slightly taller than those in the North. Between 1978 and 1990, the mean final adult height has increased by 1.5 centimetres.

Dr Peter Moore has recently reviewed the role of the family doctor for *The Practitioner* magazine in the assessment of a child's physical development. Dr Moore emphasises the need for regular height and weight checks as part of the standard care by a doctor. Any marked difference from the average achieved by its contemporaries in the neighbourhood or in an individual child's own development needs explanation.

Most children who are short suffer from nothing more sinister than having short parents, for the commonest cause for small stature is genetic. In some cases a small child may have grown slowly before delivery or have been born prematurely. Contrary to popular myth not all children catch up, although many do.

The important physical causes for short stature are chronic kidney disease, inflammatory bowel diseases, other causes of intestinal malabsorption, little thyroid hormone or a deficiency in growth hormone. Some genetic diseases, including Down's syndrome and Turner's syndrome, are also a cause of failure to grow normally.

Malnutrition as a cause of short stature is common. Dr Moore is particularly enthusiastic about checking a child's height and weight between weaning and the age of five. During this period the brain grows fastest and by the time the child is two it is two thirds of the size of an adult's.

The child underfed during the first couple of years may lose the power ever to achieve full intellectual potential. Dr Moore is also in favour of recording the girth of the upper arm: this has been found to be a good indicator of the child's state of nourishment. By the age of five the girth of the upper arm should be 16 centimetres. The child's height and weight are recorded on a chart; when this chart is compared to the other readings it is possible to evaluate development.

Treatment for an undersized child depends on the cause. Kidney and bowel diseases need expert attention and when there is deficiency of a hormone — whether a thyroid or growth hormone — supplements can be prescribed. The new growth hormone preparations, Somatropin, are safe. They are produced by DNA technology rather than by scavenging in the PM room, a practice that resulted in some cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease. Any child whose height is below the lines of the national charts should be seen in a special unit.

## Flu injections protect the vulnerable

OCTOBER is peak time for flu injections. They are recommended for all those over 65, as well as the high-risk groups who are likely to develop complications if they catch flu.

Those waiting for a jab should be encouraged by a report published in the journal *General Practitioner*. This showed that the likelihood of having to go into hospital as the result of flu was cut by 63 per cent if a vaccination had been given.

The research, conducted in Leicestershire, also demonstrated that the Department of Health had accurately predicted who should be in the high-risk groups. As well as *including all over-65s,* others who need the injection include those with chronic heart disease, chest and kidney disease, diabetes and asthma, and any patients taking steroids or other immuno-suppressants. These groups were twice as likely to suffer serious side-effects from flu as the rest of the population. Patients who have had cancer in any form should also have a flu injection.

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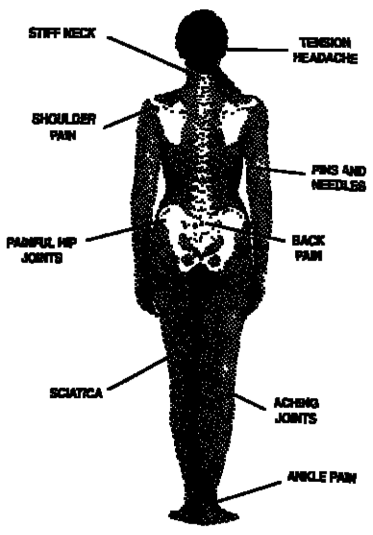

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# ‘The truthfullest man in the world’

A chance encounter with the late, great Dennis Potter changed Louise Germaine’s life. Interview by

**Joseph Connolly**

ADRIAN BROOKS

“I just suddenly found someone I could talk to, tell him everything — someone I could *cry* with. We held hands and things, just as you do with your greatest friend”

I barely recognised Louise Germaine when she entered the restaurant. It is rare that a natural platinum blonde beauty dyes her hair mouse and eschews all trace of make-up save a smidgen of lipstick.

She tells me it is all for the sake of her first stage part in Michael Wall’s *Women Laughing* at the Palace Theatre, Watford — she is currently, she explains, “very into dowdy”. But although Louise looks nothing like her most famous incarnation — Sylvia, the brassy, amoral and, it must be said, wholly desirable Fifties cinema usherette in Dennis Potter’s *Lipstick On My Collar* — dowdy she most certainly isn’t.

Her mouth is constantly breaking into huge and genuine smiles and often naughty and infectious laughter, while her grey-blue eyes are having a party. She is very chic in a dusty pink bouclé suit — may be not Chanel … may be Louis Feraud? “All I know is that it was £8 from Oxfam — mind you, that was about three years ago.”

Louise Germaine, it emerges straight away, is about as un-luvvy an actress as you can get: modest, happy-go-lucky and disarmingly honest. As she says: “I never even wanted to be an actress.” That she did cross over from fashion modelling to prime-time small screen — as well as become the muse for our best television playwright — was all down to an outrageously unlikely chance meeting with the late, great, Dennis Potter.

Louise was 19 at the time, picking up modelling jobs where she could, happy to be in London and clear of what sounds like a pretty grim childhood in Margate. “I didn’t really go to school,” she says. “My mum kept inventing crummy businesses, like a broken-down café or a second-hand shop, and I’d be stuck in it to work. I was the only girl, so I looked after my four brothers as well.” There is clearly no love lost between Louise and her mother who was, she recalls, “out a lot. All the time, really.”

By the age of 15 she had had enough and came to London in 1986 with no more in her head than the dream of becoming a model. One year later she found herself in Rome, modelling swimwear and lingerie for a mail-order catalogue. She stayed in Italy for 18 months, and after brief forays into Greece and Spain, came back to London, where she did a few magazine advertisements — “for tea bags and stuff like that”. Somehow the call reached her agent that models were required as walk-ons for a new television drama called *Blackeyes*: Louise was called, and Louise was chosen.

“I was fascinated by all of it. But I think I liked the canteen food best of all. There was this bloke drinking red wine and I said to him: ‘Isn’t it all *exciting*? Have you ever done it before? Are you an electrician? What’s your name?’ He said Dennis Potter; I’d never heard of him. It was only when all the other girls said: ‘What did you *say*? What did you *say*?’ I thought, whoops — I think he must be important or something. They all thought of him as the director — no one much minded who wrote it. I was really embarrassed.” Louise laughs out loud at the memory: “Only for about ten minutes, though.”

All Potter had said to her was “see you in two years’ time”. Almost exactly two years later, she was invited by the director Renny Rye to audition for the lead role in the upcoming six-parter, *Lipstick On My Collar*. “I thought they were joking — I’d never read a script in my life. The funny thing was I understood absolutely everything in it. But I didn’t get too excited — I knew that this could change my life, but I thought if I get it, I get it, if not, not. Two hundred girls were up for the part, and they were *actresses*. It came down to three of us: Renny wanted one of the others, but I heard Dennis say to him, ‘but just look at her *face*’. When I had the costume on, I just knew the part was mine.” Louise laughs quite uproariously. “I had loads of letters about that *walk*, but I tell you — in one of those pencil skirts and high heels, it’s the only bloody way you can move!”

The fan mail poured in, and so did the offers. The trouble was, all the roles involved at least partial nudity. “I’d decided I didn’t want to do all that any more — I even turned down the Wonderbra advert.” Regrets? Again comes Louise’s big and happy laugh: “Nah! I don’t regret anything. I did a screen test for a Michael J. Fox film, but I hated the script and it turned out that the producer didn’t want me to act so much as live with him in Malibu! I just hate all that.”

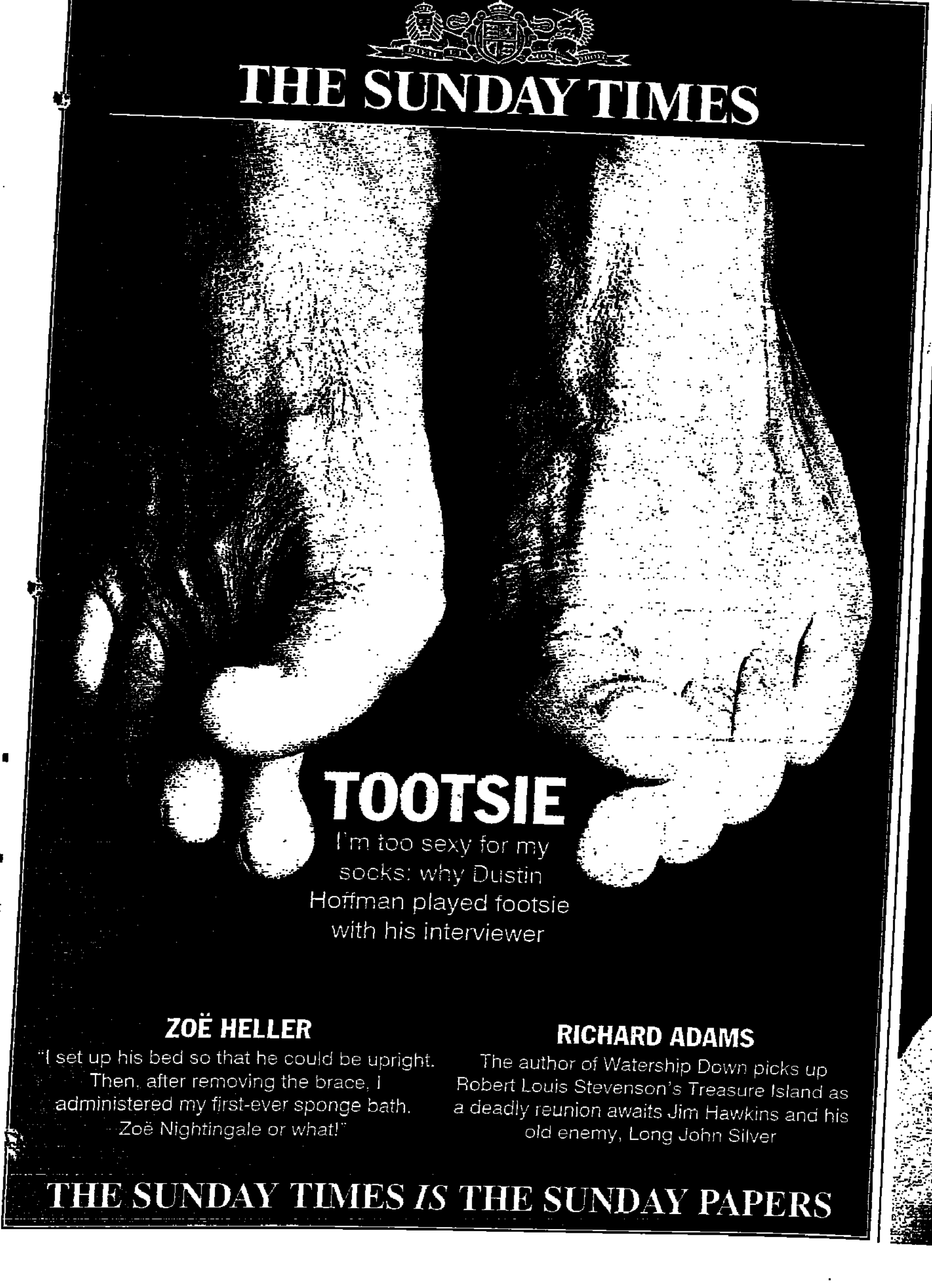
During the 22 weeks it took to film *Lipstick On My Collar*, Potter and Louise spent more and more time together. “I just suddenly found someone I could talk to, tell him everything — someone I could *cry* with. He gave me books — Rumer Godden’s *Greengage Summer*, three of his own, and stuff by Ed McBain and Elmore Leonard. And he gave me a beautiful black and gold pen — could it be a Parker? But it was all so innocent. We held hands and things, but just as you do with your greatest friend. Dennis actually wasn’t interested in women, I thought. And he taught me grammar.” Classic Higgins-Eliza situation, didn’t she think? Louise smiles reflectively. “Dennis said that — I’d never heard of *Pygmalion*. I went to see it. I once said to him — how did you remember me after two whole years? He said ‘How could I ever forget?’ ”

They hadn’t seen each other for three or four months when, in 1994, Potter invited her to one of their regular wine bars. “He looked ill, and tired. He said to me, ‘I’ve only got weeks to live.’ Just like that. I looked at him. I couldn’t believe that this person wouldn’t be here for me. I had to say something, and what I said was — Oh God, I don’t know why — ‘I’ve just got married’.” Which wasn’t true: Louise had, after a relationship of a few weeks, decided to marry one of her brother’s best friends. They drove to Gretna Green but hated the place so much, “we thought OK, then, we’ll have the honeymoon first and get married later. So when I told Dennis, I *wasn’t* actually married yet — but if he’d been shocked or disgusted, I wouldn’t have married Lea two weeks later.”

Potter offered Louise *Karaoke* — with *Cold Lazarus*, his very last work — which he had written for her. When casting came around, Louise was pregnant; she owned up to this and such honesty cost her the part. “I really wanted to do it — they went on about insurance and things, but I think they were being dishonest. And then I heard Saffron Burrows” — the eventual choice — “saying that Dennis had written it for her, and that really is wrong: it was *mine*.”

Unlike Daniel Feeld — Potter’s alter ego in *Karaoke* — Potter left nothing to Louise in his will. “Oh I don’t care at all about that. He gave me so much more when he was alive. He taught me to believe in myself — I do have faith in myself, but not as much as other people seem to. Dennis was wonderful — he changed me. He taught me. The kindest and truthfullest man in the world.” She looks up, hesitantly. “Can you say truthfullest?” Yes, Louise — you certainly can.

● *Louise Germaine continues in* Women Laughing *at the Palace Theatre, Watford, until Saturday*



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# Why the intruding must stop

## Magnus Linklater says press excesses are growing worse

Newspapers have always sailed close to the wind when it comes to murder. A favourite tactic, much used by such reporters as the famous Duncan Webb of *The People* in the 1950s, was to find out whom the police considered to be the prime suspect in a local murder case, and then offer him the opportunity of "clearing" his name on the front page. A headline would duly appear saying something like "The wicked lies they are telling about me", and the story beneath would recount a series of damning allegations, all of them strenuouly denied. In the course of it, the clear impression would be given that the luckless character, often completely innocent, was all but ready to be strung up.

This kind of thing seems relatively innocent compared to the article which ran in *The Mail on Sunday* last weekend. It concerned Colin Stagg, the man acquitted of murdering Rachel Nickell, and contained evidence not heard by the jury two years ago. Much of the material, which could only have come from court or police sources, revolved around Stagg's movements on the day of the murder, and included details of what he had told an undercover policewoman about the position of Rachel's body. Just in case the implications were not clear enough, the paper asked whether Mr Stagg had deliberately given misleading information "because he knew exactly when the killing occurred?"

Next day Mr Stagg's flat came under siege from reporters and photographers, all presumably anticipating a dramatic confession. What they got was abuse from fellow residents, an angry denial from Mr Stagg's wife, Diane, and the offer of an interview in exchange for a substantial cheque. All in all, it was an unsavoury episode. Not the least depressing thing about it was that it caused so little fuss. Lord Denning, now 87, observed that in his view the newspaper was in contempt of court, but since the case has been abandoned, this seems unlikely. Stagg cannot be charged again, so proceedings are no longer "live". Only what remains of his reputation can be stained.

Yet by any standards the *Mail*'s story was grossly unfair. By presenting prosecution evidence that was never submitted to rigorous testing at the hands of the defence, the impression was given that this was reliable information. Yet, as Stagg's defence counsel, William Clegg, pointed out in a letter to *The Times* on Tuesday, the trial judge had ruled that conversations between Stagg and the undercover policewoman were inadmissible and therefore could not be relied upon. Furthermore it was the prosecution which decided not to put any remaining evidence forward, on the ground that it could not and did not prove Stagg guilty of the killing. So what was presented as telling material revealing the truth about Stagg's movements and behaviour is in fact evidence ruled out by judge and prosecution alike. *The Mail on Sunday*'s Editor takes vigourous issue with my view on the opposite page but I believe he knows no more than the rest of us about whether Stagg was involved or not.

*It would be depressing if the* press regarded this as carte blanche for further exploits in this direction. The opportunities for recycling court evidence either dropped or never heard in the course of other notable cases must be endless, and although it is protected by the confidentiality that attaches to such material, who knows what effect a tempting cheque or the opportunity of paying off old scores might have on unscrupulous court officials or embittered police officers?

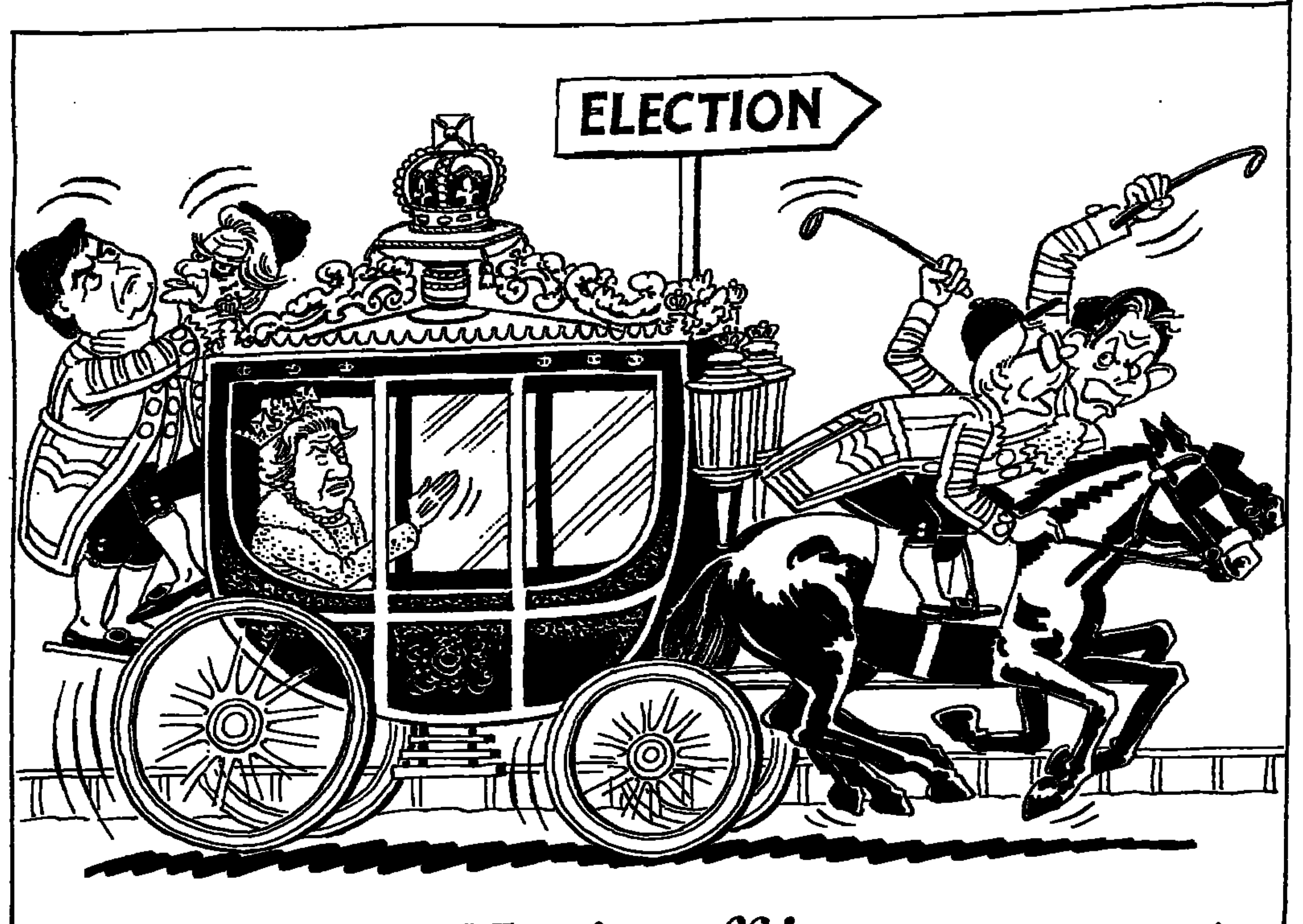
Here, as ever, the line can only be drawn by the press itself, either by the Press Complaints Commission or, better, by a self-denying ordinance on the part of editors and proprietors. Yet the pressure on newspapers to conform to moral guidelines has rarely been so light. It is seven years since David Mellor, as a Home Office minister, warned newspapers that they were "drinking in the Last Chance Saloon", and a year later the Calcutt report stopped only just short of recommending a privacy law to shackle a reckless press.

Many victims of the press also learn to exploit it

What shocked us and Mr Mellor then were such things as pictures of the Hillsborough disaster and complaints from Lord Althorp that his privacy had been invaded by intrusive photographers. That now seems mild. We have seen so much since then that we have almost lost the capacity to be shocked.

At the same time the complainers themselves — Tories such as Mr Mellor and members of the Royal Family among them — have been compromised by their own behaviour. Victims with whom we might once have sympathised have become negotiators with the very media that harass them. No sooner have we begun to feel compassion towards an errant bishop or a beaten wife than we learn that they have "opened their hearts" to a tabloid newspaper in return for large sums of money. The waters of public probity have been hopelessly muddied.

It is only the newspapers themselves that can help to clear them again. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, has hinted that the courts might provide their own protection for privacy if MPs fail to, and already there is a suggestion that the new stalking legislation announced by Michael Howard, or the anti-molestation laws to be framed by Michael Forsyth in Scotland, could be widened. Originally proposed to keep deranged stalkers at bay, they might possibly be used also to prevent outrageous harassment by a different, but no less threatening, form of persistent intruder: the media on the loose.



They're off!

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# The opium of America

## The drug industry is so large that it will never go away. So what now?

### Simon Jenkins

America's presidential election has suffered an eerie casualty. Two months ago in Palos Park, Illinois, the Republican Bob Dole climbed a platform and declared one of the great crusades of America's peacetime history. It was against what is said to be the nation's biggest import business, an industry that dominates America's regional diplomacy, occupies 60 per cent of federal jail space, and is the cause of up to 90 per cent of urban crime. The industry is drugs. Only taxation scores higher as an election issue among America's voters.

Mr Dole duly went to town. He declared that "zero tolerance" of marijuana and cocaine would be his top priority on taking office. President Clinton, he said, had "raised the white flag of surrender", when illegal drug use among young Americans had doubled in five years. He pledged himself to "cut teen drug use by 50 per cent in my first term". His biggest anti-Clinton advertising campaign, costing $5 million, was on this theme.

*In a speech reminiscent of the early* Prohibition campaign, Mr Dole suggested that the war on drugs was central to America's moral health. He would put his administration on a war footing. The Joint Chiefs of Staff (not the police) would be expected to come up with a war plan within 45 days. The Pentagon, the CIA, satellites and the National Guard would all be drafted. The presidential candidate is never happier than when rattling a defence budget, and Mr Dole rattled with a vengeance.

The issue has vanished. With two weeks to go to the election, drugs have sunk from public debate. In pages of coverage of the campaign this past week, I could find no reference to the war on drugs, and it featured only in passing in the first of the two televised debates. Drugs may dominate every education, welfare and penal discussion — gaze across the landscape of American domestic policy and drugs loom on every horizon — but they are not to be mentioned in front of the voters.

Mr Clinton's response to Mr Dole's challenge was brisk and cynical. He proposed a huge $15 billion anti-drugs budget. He had already appointed America's "most highly decorated general", Barry McCaffrey, as head of his drugs executive. His Attorney-General, Janet Reno, swiftly arrested an international drugs cartel. He has now announced a plan to refuse a driver's licence to teenagers tested positive for drugs. This measure, if ever passed into state law, would lead millions of Americans to add illegal driving to illegal drug taking as a daily unlawful activity.

Drugs appear too delicate to discuss in an election. The arguments are too raw. Modern democracy has lost its capacity to mandate issues, it can only mandate individuals. During the 14 years when alcohol was prohibited, Americans argued over its cost, its crime and its danger. Ending Prohibition featured in both the 1928 and 1932 elections. In 1996, American politicians look aghast at a similar topic and prefer to discuss Mr Clinton's character and finances.

Whenever I visit America and wander a mile from the smart neighbourhoods seen by most visitors, I am awestruck by the scale of the drugs industry and by the ferocity and futility of the effort to contain it. Three years ago I asked the Pentagon official responsible for "interdicting" Caribbean cocaine shipments what effect his huge $3 billion budget had on supply. He shrugged. "It probably raises the street price by 10 per cent in a good year." It might make a few local rulers either angrier or richer. Everyone knew it was pointless, he said, but with 85 per cent of Americans calling for enforcement, money had to be burnt at enforcement's shrine.

A third of American young people are probably frequent, if not regular, users of banned substances. The recent National Household Survey showed young people turning from alcohol and even nicotine towards marijuana, declared use of which has almost doubled since 1990. The reason appears to be that cited by many drug historians: user preference irrespective of the law. In survey after survey, teenagers say that drunkenness makes them sick and nicotine causes cancer. Marijuana is cheap and, in their experience, relatively harmless. Cocaine is also plentiful. Neither is taxed. The narcotics trade enjoys what is called America's "biggest corporate tax break".

Two decades of moralising from parents and teachers and of Nancy Reagan telling children "Just say no" have had no effect. There is some evidence that cocaine use by adults is down. But marijuana use is soaring among the young. California's attempt in the early 1990s to impose mandatory 20-year sentences on those caught holding more than $50 worth of pot has collapsed. Judges refused to try such cases and jurors refused to convict. In most states, conviction for marijuana use leads to no more than a promise to seek treatment. In Kansas, a tax on beer is used for such treatment, no tax on drugs being permitted. However, sale *under taxed licence* is on the ballot as proposition 215 next month in California. The post-war anthropologist Morris Carstairs claimed that alcohol was the preferred narcotic of violent, war-like societies, while marijuana and opium were preferred by more passive, reflective ones. The same may apply to American states.

Many Americans accept the parallel of their present predicament with inter-war Prohibition. Most members of the Clinton Administration would dearly love to decriminalise drugs as a public health issue. Many would go further to licensing supply and sale. Yet every argument is wheeled out to postpone reform. "The drug problem will be changed only when America changes," says Mr Clinton, deftly avoiding leadership. Even a liberal Mayor such as Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore explains that half his black community would regard decriminalisation as a conspiracy against blacks, while the other half would protest that drugs are the one business from which blacks can earn big money and progress out of the ghettos. Legalise supply and you merely hand the profits to the multinationals.

Drug laws have acquired the status of communism in the 1950s and the 1960s. They seem to be the enemy *America needs for its cohesion. To be* "soft on drugs" is to be unAmerican. Drug enforcement features in ghoulishly violent Hollywood movies. The right to personal arms is manly, the right to personal narcotics is wimpish. When figures as diverse as George Shultz, George Soros and the head of Interpol, as well as the libertarian Right all advocate decriminalisation, they are abused or dismissed as eccentric.

The war on drugs has been institutionalised. Police forces, coast guards, prisons would be decimated without it. Mr Clinton's General McCaffrey may plead that this is a war on ill-health. "We are not going to arrest our way out of this problem," he says. But two-thirds of the federal drugs budget still goes on enforcement, not on treatment or reducing demand.

A new study from the Brookings Institution (by Paul Stares) points out that an industry that is now "one of the biggest commercial activities in *the world" will not vanish. A quarter*-century of war on these products has failed completely to suppress their use. Like Prohibition, it merely enriches villains and endangers users with adulterated produce (like Ecstasy in Britain). The infusion of narcotic herbs, like the distillation of organic matter, is as old as mankind.

For Stares, the only debate is how far government chooses to regulate and tax this industry, and the collateral damage which failure to do so inflicts on respect for international and domestic law. In America, as increasingly in Britain, the argument is less between libertarians and authoritarians, and more between those who work with drug users — the teachers, policemen and social workers — who tend to be decriminalisers, and a wider public, for whom anyone else's narcotic is alien terror. To the latter, illegal drugs and those who supply them must be put out of sight and out of mind. They are like the insane or the old.

Many Americans welcomed Mr Dole's decision to make drugs a campaign priority, however absurd his militaristic solution. There is no hope of reform without the public debate of an election. Yet once again drugs have shown themselves to be the unmentionable in retreat from the intolerant. To those concerned at the growth of drug use by British teenagers, this is a sobering thought. Will the British election be as timid?

# The Queen's runes read

## Peter Riddell on the Government's new programme

If the Tories are to defy the polls and the bookies and win the election, they will have to show what they would do with a record fifth term and what would be at risk under Labour. Yesterday's Queen's Speech set the tone for the pre-election campaign. The Government emphasised populist measures — on education, law and order and welfare fraud — which go down well with voters, should unite the Tory party and underline their differences from other parties. But instead of "clear blue water" we looked into a muddy pool. This partly reflected scrappy speeches by both John Major and Tony Blair.

But the Tory strategy is itself flawed. The Government does not have scope to create a big gap between itself and Labour. With a Commons majority of only two, it cannot introduce and hope to pass partisan and contentious measures in the less than six months before Parliament has to be dissolved.

The paradox of the populist emphasis is that much of what was announced, and foreshadowed, yesterday is non-partisan and will be readily endorsed by the Opposition. This was typified by the absurd tussle between the front benches over whether the Government or a backbencher should sponsor the measures to establish a register of paedophiles and to act against stalkers. Everyone now wants to be seen as tough on crime.

An underlying theme of yesterday's exchanges was the manifesto launched in *The Times* on Monday by Frances Lawrence. Neither of the two main parties mentioned her by name. It would have appeared unseemly, and Mr Blair looked uncomfortable when chided by Mr Major for "cloaking himself in righteousness". His moralism and stress on family values had made some Labour MPs, even a number of his close allies, feel uncomfortable. They agree with the desirability of strengthening families as the best way to bring up children, but they wonder how much the State itself can do without interfering with people's privacy.

Under the lead of Mr Blair, Jack Straw and David Blunkett, Labour has, of course, moved onto the Tory ground on many crucial social policy areas, such as enforcing discipline in schools, raising standards, improving primary healthcare and on many law and order issues. Where Labour has doubts — over minimum mandatory sentences — the opposition is likely to be led by the judges. Labour will attack the relevance of encouraging grammar schools and extending the Assisted Places Scheme, but though these differences are real, they hardly represent a huge gulf.

Of course the Queen's Speech is merely a first instalment. Far more significant will be the Budget on November 26. But as Kenneth Clarke has been warning everyone, and as his meeting with advisers last Friday confirmed, there is no scope for a tax giveaway. Tory MPs looked subdued, though hardly surprised, when Mr Major talked yesterday of the need for "prudence" and said merely that "if it was safe to cut taxes, we will, but if we cannot, we will not". This is partly the usual pre-Budget theatre to lower expectations, so that measures are welcomed on the day. Everyone expects some nominal tax cuts, but they *will* be nominal, and as both the Treasury and the Labour leadership privately recognise, the Chancellor after the election, whoever it is, will probably have to act quickly to tighten fiscal policy.

That is as much of a constraint on Labour as on the Tories. Labour has been so keen to rid itself of its tax and spending image that Mr Blair yesterday dodged a Tory challenge about whether [illegible] would match Mr Major's promise to raise health spending each year by at least the inflation rate. In practice, Labour is likely to endorse whatever spending plans the Government announces in the Budget. But this in turn exposes a big hole in Labour's approach. Its criticisms of the Government's health record sound hollow if it is not promising more than can be found from vague savings of administrative waste. A Labour rethink is already under way. In electoral terms this may not matter: the public does not trust the Tories on health however much they spend or do.

If there are no big differences between the Tories and Labour on policy, apart from constitutional reform, the choice is essentially about which team is more trustworthy. Unlike five years ago, Mr Major cannot present his Government as new. He is already fifth in the length of service league of the ten post-war Prime Ministers. So he is seeking to appear a safe pair of hands against the untested Mr Blair. Hence Tory gibes about "smarmy" Mr Blair. He tried to strike back in the debate with a populist note aimed at core Labour supporters. He focused on the Tory record, with charges of "drift" and a "fractured" Britain. These are the current market-tested buzz-words. We are going to hear plenty more of the same before the election. It is going to be a repetitive and fractious winter of pre-election manoeuvring.

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THE TIMES DIARY

# Green blues

TWEED is on the march in Oxford, where a group of dons is scheming to block plans for an Oxford business school to be partially funded by a donation of £20 million from the Middle Eastern businessman and intimate of the Thatchers, Wafic Said.

The first swipe of the mortarboard will come at the University Congregation, a meeting open to all working dons on November 5. Alexander Murray, a medieval history tutor at University College, says that an opposition motion will be placed before Congregation, so forcing a debate. "I have already talked with others of the same mind and we will force a discussion."

Wafic Said, a man not used to high table dithering, will consider withdrawing his contribution towards the £40 million campus, half-funded by the university, if it is not set on a playing field near Mansfield College in the centre of Oxford. He has already rejected earlier plans to site it in an extension to Oxford's existing business school at Templeton College, on the city's outskirts.

Murray objects to the disappearance of green spaces in the city, as well as to some aspects of the business school itself. "The people feel that there should be a debate," he tells me. "A lot of the working dons feel that we are being marched too fast into this." In other words, pass the port, cut the cigars and let's all slow down. The University thinks in centuries.

● *Burglars who broke in to the home of Carlisle Labour councillor Dawn Breen were discriminating in what they stole. Into the swag-bag went Miss Breen's jewellery, television and video, and all her videotapes bar one: Tony Blair's* New Labour: New Life for Britain.

## In-house

JOE KLEIN, the anonymous author of *Primary Colors*, the thinly veiled account of President Clinton's campaign, is being lined up for a new job as political correspondent of the *New Yorker*.

Klein, who made a colossal pile before being savaged by the pious American journalistic establishment for lying about the book, works at present for rival *Newsweek* magazine. It is no coincidence, insist staff at the *New Yorker*, that *Primary Colors* was published by Random House, which is presided over by Harry Evans, husband of Tina Brown, the Editor of the *New Yorker*.

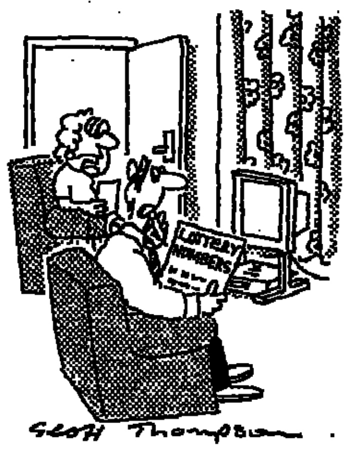
## Now filming

POLITICAL junkies in need of a Christmas gift will be excited to hear that a courtroom drama starring the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke, his wife, Gillian, and the former Cabinet minister David Hunt is due to be filmed at the end of the month.

In this sub-John Grisham thriller, entitled *Nottingham Insurance Institute: Mock Trial*, on video only, Hunt will play the judge, telling good from evil in a tale of intrigue and high-risk insurance fraud. The Chancellor will take the Henry Fonda role as an angst-ridden jury foreman, torn between his duty and his social conscience.

It should be out in time for the Oscars.

● *Latest wheeze to replenish the Tory coffers is the auction of one of the party chairman's suits. Brian Mawhinney's cast-offs might not be the greatest trophy for even the most dedicated activist, one might think, but this is the suit that was splattered with paint by angry students. It has just been returned by the police, with the paint still on it. The most probable buyer is Alan Duncan, MP, Mawhinney's wealthy pocket dynamo in Conservative Central Office, who at the time of the incident made a citizen's arrest of the lentil munchers.*



Geoff Thompson

*"I don't know whether to do it for Wednesday or Saturday: it's a lottery"*

## Low cut

HE WAS crowned British Designer of the Year on Tuesday night at the Lloyds Bank Fashion Awards. But Alexander McQueen, the stocky little frock-wallah with a No 1 hairdo, cut little ice with the Queen's dressmaker, Sir Hardy Amies.

"It was the naffest thing I've ever seen," says Sir Hardy, 87, who attended the event, immaculate in one of his own creations. "They have John Galliano for Christian Dior, and this other yobbo [McQueen, I presume] for Givenchy," he said, "and they have fallen into this trap that Paris sets for them to get publicity to sell scents. I don't know anybody who would wear that stuff — but then I don't dance around in nightclubs any more."

Sir Hardy, whose recent book on the gentleman's suit is into its third printing, added that he thoroughly enjoyed sitting next to the "stunning" British model Honor Fraser at dinner. "A splendid dinner," he remarked, but her outfit "was cut so low at the back that it showed the division in her bottom. And I do not think anybody is going to walk down the street looking like that."

Too revealing

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# ONLY PALE BLUE WATER

## Less divides the parties than Tories would like

The Queen's Speech was discounted before it had been delivered as an exercise in politics not government. Conservative tacticians had hoped the legislative programme would force Labour on the defensive, opposing crime and education measures popular in the country but not on the Opposition back benches. In fact, much of the Government's programme of legislation is managerial and uncontentious. There will be a consensus for the majority of measures.

Action on welfare fraud and school discipline are vote-winning measures, but they are policies with which new Labour feels comfortable. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, will support much that is in the new Crime Bill, although he will continue to oppose the minimum sentences for career criminals and repeat sex offenders at its heart. On gun control, Labour could embarrass the Tories by supporting a total ban on handguns. There is a greater than usual proportion of non-partisan Bills on subjects such as civil law reform and protection of the coastal environment. And two of the most popular law and order measures — the setting up of a register of paedophiles and legislation against stalking — are now set to pass through the House with all-party support.

Originally, it was hoped these measures might reach the statute book by Private Member's Bills rather than in government time. The Government was, however, offered Labour support for them the day before yesterday. The sudden decision to bring them in as part of the Government's programme yesterday afternoon is hardly impressive. Ministers may have been stung by the suggestion that they were downplaying these measures by leaving them to backbenchers to bring in. Whether the Government was driven by embarrassment or expediency, it is to the good that these Bills will be in ministers' names and debated in the Government's time.

Education promises to be the most divisive issue of this session. The Government plans to allow schools to select more pupils by ability without having to seek approval first: up to 50 per cent for grant-maintained schools, 30 per cent for specialist schools, and 20 per cent for the rest. It will give grant-maintained schools more freedom and extend the Assisted Places Scheme to independent primary schools.

All these are measures which Labour will oppose. And its opposition may unsettle many disaffected Tory voters who have been thinking of switching. Selection is now popular, not least with Conservatives. A Harris survey for the Association of Teachers and Lecturers suggested that 54 per cent of the public were in favour. In the past many middle-class parents in Conservative areas supported comprehensives, but having experienced the reality they warm to the Prime Minister's promise of a grammar school in every town.

Tories expect the most political Bill of the session to be the one that could not be outlined yesterday. Deliberately lowering expectations, the Prime Minister emphasised, like his Chancellor before him, that the Budget will be prudent: "If we can cut taxes, we will; if we cannot, we will not." The Chancellor went out of his way to downplay the chances of any tax cuts when he addressed the Tory party conference. But Kenneth Clarke was playing the coquette, saying "No" so that the pleasure when he relented would be all the sweeter. As for the Labour reaction, Tony Blair may yet disappoint the Tories. He has had two and a half years to prepare for a tax-cutting Budget. He may not gratify the Government by falling into a Tory Chancellor's trap as Labour leaders have done before him.

# NATO LITE

## *Just what kind of Alliance will we enlarge?*

President Clinton hopes that the first new members of Nato will join in 1999, in time to celebrate the Alliance's 50th birthday that year. A summit is planned for early next summer, at which a select few states such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic will be invited to present their credentials. In a speech in Brussels yesterday, Michael Portillo lauded the importance of the transatlantic connection rooted in Nato. For the time being, Russian leaders remain opposed to Nato expansion but are not raising their voices. A glide path has been lit up to show the new entrants how and when they can land inside the club to which they so eagerly seek to belong.

One of Nato's strengths lies in attention to practical detail, a preference for facts and deeds over words. Statesmen who talk as if the achievement of Nato expansion is merely a lengthy procedural matter are deceiving themselves and voters. Moscow's reactions to the prospect of Nato extending to Central Europe have recently been less jerky and less confrontational. But the one Russian spokesman who has been consistent throughout, the Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov, has been unrelentingly hostile. There is also no sign yet of a Nato strategy to prevent the countries not included in the first wave of new members feel less secure as a result of their exclusion.

None of the charters, joint exercises, exchanges of military missions and liaison councils has so far softened Russian attitudes. Nato plans to station neither nuclear weapons nor allied personnel on the territory of new members. Nato's most senior officer, General George Joulwan, would like the option to plant a headquarters east of the Elbe; fearful of provoking Russia, the State Department appears ready to overrule him.

Although Nato's defence guarantee will be formally assured by rapid reinforcement plans and aerial nuclear defence, the Alliance is thus perilously close to offering its new members a second-class membership. If Nato insists, unwisely in our view, on humiliating Russia by expanding, it should seek real gain on the other side of the balance by giving its defence guarantee the only true reassurance — a visible Alliance presence in the new member countries.

But the most dangerous threat to Nato is internal rather than external: Europe's armies are undercapitalised. America's military equipment budget is now twice the size of that of all its European allies put together. Seventeen per cent of the US defence budget now goes on communications and information technology; the equivalent figure for Europe is 4 per cent. There are no European satellites with radar or infra-red sensors, nor likely to be. Mr Portillo reminded us yesterday that European defence budgets have fallen in real terms by almost a third since 1985.

Such figures underline that any kind of freestanding European defence is a pipe-dream. But in the longer term, such disparities threaten the cohesion and effectiveness of Nato itself. Threats have not evaporated, they have altered. The possible uses of armed force have not shrunk to peace keeping. Twenty countries outside Nato possess ballistic missiles; a handful can arm them with chemical and biological warheads. Of the Ministry of Defence's latest list of 53 potential troublespots across the world, 17 are within 200 miles of Nato's borders. Politicians who want to go on cashing the peace dividend offered by the end of the Cold War forget that states still require military insurance. To enjoy insurance, governments must pay premiums.

# SCHOOL FOR SAFARI

## The world breeds bigger game than the sort that got stuffed

The sun has finally set on the British Empire. For Eton College, nursery of empire-builders, yesterday auctioned the contents of its natural history museum. This vast collection of stuffed hide, fin and feather had been accumulated by Old Etonians over 121 years. In office hours they ruled and administered the half of the world coloured deep pink in their school atlases. And for recreation they hunted its exotic fauna and flora. In their spare time they wrote handsomely illustrated books with titles such as *With Rod and Line from the Ganges to the Andes*, and were the role models for *The Boy's Own Paper* and other such period publications extolling manly virtues. And naturally they presented their surplus trophies to their alma mater, the old college.

Some were eccentrics even after allowing for Etonian tolerance of eccentricity. Albert Edward Leatham (Eton 1873-76) is still remembered. His book *Sport in Five Continents* exemplifies the stiff upper lip, loose lower jaw and ostentatious modesty of the big-game hunter. The stuffed victims he presented to Eton range from a pride of lions, a giraffe, a 500-lb tarpon and a warthog to a previously unknown species: an Ichang tufted deer he bagged in the mountains of central China.

For a century the natural history museum was one of the most popular schools at Eton. Boys learnt biology, botany and the pleasures of collecting not just from its dead game, but also from birds' eggs, butterflies, pressed flowers and other wonders of nature. But nature films on television and safari parks have made it possible to see the wonders without shooting them. The mood of the age has turned against killing animals for sport. The Empire has gone. And in 1996 Etonians take genetics, ecology and environmental studies rather than the fauna and flora of the Empire. The politically correct among them may support the right to arm bears against hunters. And so the day has dawned when the Rudyards cease from kipling and the Haggards ride no more. It must have for Eton, richest and most acquisitive of schools, to sell its world-famous collection.

But of all the threatened species, the most melancholy may be the disappearance of the big-game-hunting Empire-builder in his solar topi and Old Etonian tie. He seemed wiped out by world wars. According to his contemporary lights he was often a brave and honourable creature. But the sale of his museum of stuffed beasts shows that far from becoming extinct, he has as usual merely evolved and adapted. Etonians are notoriously fast-footed at the survival of the fittest. So they have downsized and offloaded the stuffed lions and elephants' feet in their museum. But on their customary Darwinian form, they are about to become the wonder and envy of their contemporaries for their safaris on the Internet and by electronic trading in futures.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Ethical issues on sperm donation

*From Professor Michael Hull*

Sir, There has been an emotive swell of opinion, including your leader of October 18, on the tragic and extraordinary case of Mrs Diane Blood, favouring posthumous insemination. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority is pilloried for "narrow legalism".

Opposing views are probably widely held, however, concerned with fundamental ethical issues. For instance, a survey of the views of fertility centres licensed to store human sperm or embryos, conducted here last year and published in the *British Medical Journal* (July 6, 1996), showed that at least a quarter of all centres (even counting those that did not reply) were opposed to posthumous treatment.

About a fifth of the centres were also opposed to transferring stored sperm or embryos to a more liberal centre. That would be assisting a treatment to which they were ethically opposed. A few centres agreed to posthumous treatment only to produce a sibling for an existing child.

The personal desire to keep alive the loving memory of a deceased spouse through a child evokes enormous sympathy. But the child will have no memory of its lost father (or mother in the case of embryos posthumously transferred to a surrogate). The fundamental ethical concern in all fertility treatment must be for the welfare of the offspring.

The consensus in my centre, supported by an independent ethics committee, is that we should assist conception only during the lifetime of both parents. Furthermore, if for example we store sperm or embryos for a man or couple prior to treatment for cancer which would destroy fertility, we do so only with the understanding and signed agreement that transfer to achieve pregnancy will not be undertaken while the illness could be terminal.

My colleague Professor Lord Winston, in his comments which you reported on October 19, seems to confuse the ethical principles of organ donation to save the life of a living person with those of sperm donation to create a new child.

He is also reported as arguing that, since a widow could be legally inseminated with sperm from a stranger (albeit, I would add, a properly counselled and medically screened donor having given formal consent) the law should be changed to allow posthumous insemination with her deceased husband's sperm, with or without his consent. Perhaps the law should be changed, rather, to prevent artificial insemination of a woman on her own (though this is probably unworkable).

The bereaved need help to grieve for the lost partner and then to look realistically to an independent future. A particularly poignant personal tragedy which can arise is of a childless woman widowed when aged in her late 30s, since she may miss the chance to have children by a new husband. But is that reason enough for society to support the conception of a child without a living father?

Is the fact that children are born fatherless due to accident reason enough to allow treatment which plans such an outcome? Is our society ready to abandon its foundation on the traditional family?

Yours faithfully,
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(Professor of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, University of Bristol),
St Michael's Hospital, Bristol.
October 20.

*From the Archdeacon of Sarum*

Sir, Had Diane and Stephen Blood used the modern marriage service, I wonder whether the law could have taken account of the commitment, "all that I am I give you, all that I have I share with you" — since the bridegroom subsequently signs the marriage register.

Presumably the words of the Prayer Book service, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow", can be taken as not including the husband's sperm — or are the promises of the marriage service now taken to be of no real validity in the legal relationship between husband and wife?

Yours faithfully,
B. J. HOPKINSON,
Russell House,
Stratford-sub-Castle,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
October 19.

*From Mr Mike John*

Sir, Isn't it extraordinary that in a country where the relatives of a dead person can agree to the use of organs for transplant purposes, with or without the dead person's prior permission, a widow cannot use the sperm of her dead husband?

First, surely the sperm should be hers anyway, by right of inheritance (assuming her husband's estate passed to her); and, secondly, if this ridiculous law has to be adhered to, cannot the executors of the dead man's estate provide the necessary written permission on his behalf, as they would be able to do in other matters?

Yours faithfully,
MIKE JOHN,
Woodroberts, Winkleigh, Devon.
October 17.

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## Alan Clark's view of modern Europe

*From Sir Nicholas Henderson*

Sir, The comparison Alan Clark draws in his article (October 15) between the problems Chamberlain had with Germany in the Thirties and those that John Major faces today with that country is a travesty. It really seems otiose to have to point out the complete contrast between the militarily aggressive intentions of Hitler and the insistently peaceful policy of Kohl, whose overall aim is to bind his country into a closely integrated Europe.

But there is also a serious historical distortion: Chamberlain did not tolerate the "adjustment" by Hitler of territorial boundaries in Eastern Europe in a way that "could, and should, have made a conflict between Russia and Germany inevitable" as Clark asserts. The idea that Chamberlain was somehow favouring a war between Germany and Russia is the one that Soviet propaganda fastened upon to justify the Nazi-Soviet Pact and that Moscow maintained consistently for 50 years.

Without wishing to justify Chamberlain, it has to be said for the sake of historical accuracy that his policy was peace and disarmament. He believed that it should be possible to appease Hitler by this or that concession, including territorial changes, but that these must come about with British agreement and by peaceful means.

In all this he was gravely mistaken, but the Cabinet minutes of those days show that he and his ministers, including Halifax, realised that British (and French) interests would not be served by military conflict between Germany and Russia.

Given French commitments to Russia and Eastern Europe that country would be bound to be involved should Hitler move east. Britain would inevitably find itself drawn into any such conflict.

But overriding other considerations was the recognition that the outcome of a Soviet/German war in which other powers were not engaged would be the dominance of the Continent by one or other of them: probably Nazi Germany.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HENDERSON,
6 Fairholt Street, SW7.
October 16.

*From Mr Anthony Chamier*

Sir, Some will be amused by Alan Clark's comparison of the Prime Minister's policies towards the European Union with Neville Chamberlain's towards Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union.

I find a comparison between Britain's appeasement of vile tyrannies and her response to the aspirations of the social democracies of Western Europe today not only inapt but odious.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CHAMIER,
Achandunie House, Ardross,
By Alness, Ross and Cromarty.
October 16.

## Burying cables

*From Mr David G. Jefferies, FEng, Chairman of the National Grid Group plc*

Sir, The debate on the suggestion that high-voltage overhead transmission lines should be laid under ground (letters, October 9, 11, 18) is an international one. Relatively few connections at the highest voltage (400 kilovolts) in England and Wales have been put under ground, though our research shows that the transmission system has more underground cables at such voltages than any other country.

For operational environmental and financial reasons it is exceptional for high-voltage connections to be under ground. It takes about fifty times as long to repair a cable as it does an overhead line and this would have implications for the security of the electricity supply if underground cables were widespread.

Whereas each pylon carries its wires overhead, underground cables need to be placed some distance apart from each other for cooling purposes, requiring a swath of land the width of a dual carriageway.

High-voltage underground cables not only restrict the use of the land after reinstatement, but can also have severe effects on sensitive habitats. They cost between 15 and 25 times as much as the equivalent overhead connection, a figure of up to at least £10 million a kilometre.

The costs of putting under ground the whole high-voltage system referred to by Mr McGregor (October 11) would be about £54 billion, leading to an increase of around 25 per cent on the price of electricity for the average customer.

High-voltage transmission lines are sometimes regarded as unsightly, but they play a major role in the economic provision of one of the country's vital commodities.

Yours,
DAVID JEFFERIES,
Chairman,
The National Grid Group plc,
185 Park Street, SE1.
October 18.

*From Mr Richard Need*

Sir, Having researched the subject for a documentary film some thirty years ago, I have to say that the relative cheapness of overhead lines means that they can often avoid beauty spots, skylines and other sensitive areas. But the cost of laying expensive high-tech cables in concrete-lined trenches is so high that diversions are almost out of the question, the straight line being the aim of engineer and accountant alike. It can be cheaper to buy a house and demolish it than to go round it.

What would be the public reaction to the idea of trenchers and concreters ploughing their way through fields of crops, village streets, town centres, golf courses, football pitches, tennis courts, sites of special scientific interest, parks and gardens? How many public inquiries would there have to be; how many teams of protesters challenging every yard?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEED,
11 Hemingford Road, Cheam, Surrey.
October 19.

## Austrian elections

*From Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP for Chertsey and Walton (Conservative)*

Sir, Your report in later editions today on the Austrian elections to the European Parliament quoted "sources in the Freedom Party" as saying that "negotiations have started with British Conservatives".

There have been no such negotiations. The Conservative Party is a staunch ally, through the European Democrat Union, of the Austrian People's Party. The "sources" are spinning mischievous nonsense. The Conservative Party's international office works closely with the People's Party and has nothing to do with the Freedom Party.

I am delighted that the People's Party won their European elections and can confirm your report that the result was "a clear humiliation" of the Social Democrats, whose leader is better at speaking to Labour conferences in Blackpool than to his own voters in Vienna.

Yours etc,
G. PATTIE
(Chairman, International Office),
Conservative Central Office,
32 Smith Square, Westminster, SW1.
October 14.

## Conserving antiquity

*From Mr Nigel L. Denton*

Sir, It is not only modern graffiti that can provide an interesting social comment (letters, October 10, 15, 21).

Maes Howe, a burial mound on mainland Orkney, was built about 5,000 years ago. According to the HMSO guidebook it was invaded by Viking raiders, led by Harald Maddadarson, on January 6, 1153, as first recorded in the *Orkneyinga Saga*.

The Vikings removed the treasure in the tomb but left a remarkable collection of runes describing their visit. These graffiti, as well as being ancient, are today regarded of as much importance as the original structure.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL L. DENTON,
12 Maria Court,
Southcote Road, Reading, Berkshire.

## CPS performance

*From the Director of Public Prosecutions*

Sir, Chris Sallon, QC, and Nick Lavender ("If justice is not seen to be fair", Law, October 22) wrongly claim that the Lord Chancellor's Committee has "advised no fewer than three times against allowing CPS employees to appear in the Crown Court". They should be reminded that in 1992 the committee concluded that CPS lawyers were independent and that there was no objection in principle to their being granted rights of audience.

They also state that the career prospects of CPS employees depend "at least in part on their 'success rate'". This, too, is nonsense.

Only 30 CPS staff, out of more than 6,000, are involved in the voluntary retirement scheme which your contributors blame for a "further reduction" in staff levels; and they also appear to be unaware that Sir Robin Butler, Head of the Home Civil Service, firmly rejected the complaints by the Director of MORI concerning the CPS approach to MORI's survey of CPS morale.

Sallon and Lavender cite 8,000 Crown Court cases found by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice to have been dismissed by the judge "in circumstances where the dismissal was certainly or possibly foreseeable". They neglect to point out that in the majority of these cases barristers had given no advice. Judges direct juries to acquit in less than 2 per cent of Crown Court cases.

The CPS conducts hundreds of prosecutions every day in the magistrates' courts — some of which could be taken in the Crown Court had the defendant so elected. The requirements of disclosure, professionalism and independent judgment apply equally to these cases. I am confident that these standards will continue to be applied within the CPS. I am also delighted that our application for rights of audience has the full support of the First Division Association.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA MILLS,
Director of Public Prosecutions,
50 Ludgate Hill, EC4.
October 23.

## Legal anomaly of barred evidence

*From the Editor of*
The Mail on Sunday

Sir, May I remind Mr William Clegg, QC, Colin Stagg's defence counsel, that *The Mail on Sunday* in presenting the evidence which the Old Bailey never heard against Mr Stagg, made no mention of the psychological profile to which Mr Clegg refers in his letter of October 22. That is not the issue. Nor do I agree with Mr Clegg's contention that the psychological profile was the basis of the Crown's case against Mr Stagg.

It was the police's contention that, during the undercover operation, Mr Stagg displayed detailed knowledge about the killing that was known only to the police. Mr Clegg states that this contention "could have been proved false" — in which case *The Mail on Sunday* stands by its argument that a jury should have had the opportunity to consider that proof as well as the rest of the evidence against Mr Stagg and his defence.

This did not happen, and the outcome of the trial was unsatisfactory for all concerned — for Mr Stagg himself because, as he often complains, he is hounded by people who think him guilty; for Rachel Nickell's family, because, with the police investigation virtually halted, they live with the bitter truth that her killer, whoever that may be, may never be brought to justice.

It seems, apparently, that it is politically and legally correct for newspapers to involve themselves in investigations where, for instance, the Guildford Four, or the Birmingham Six were found guilty, and for those decisions to be reversed; but not to look into evidence against an accused, subsequently acquitted, which was never presented to a jury.

There is an anomaly in English law here which should be addressed if Justice, which at present has one legal eye peeping out from her blindfold, is to be truly served.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN HOLBOROW,
Editor, *The Mail on Sunday*,
Northcliffe House,
2 Derry Street, Kensington, W8.
October 22.

## Cheltenham College

*From Mr E. J. Little*

Sir, Mr and Mrs Keith Douglas (letter, October 22), who champion the cause of Peter Wilkes, the unfortunate headmaster of Cheltenham College, somewhat trivialise the question of his departure by comparing the post with that of a football club manager. The other side of the coin should also be examined.

Excellent schoolmaster that he is, Mr Wilkes had managed to lose the respect and support of too many members of his common room, his pupils, his parents and the council for him to continue.

As an Old Cheltonian and as a parent of a pupil who left last term, I feel that the council should be congratulated on taking a tough but honest decision which they knew would be unpopular with some people. A significant number of us believe them to be on the right track.

Yours etc,
EDWARD LITTLE,
The Brow,
Cricklade, Wiltshire.
October 23.

## Power accessory

*From Mr Gary Rawlinson*

Sir, In warning your readers of the dangers of the various bags carried by his fellow travellers on the way to work, ("A nation clobbered by bag and baggage", October 17), Derwent May overlooks the unseen danger in the sports holdall carried by running enthusiasts on their way home.

In the morning it contains nothing more harmful than a freshly-laundered set of running gear. Come the evening, not necessarily that same day, the contents of the bag can put the skunk to shame.

Yours faithfully,
GARY RAWLINSON,
3 Hill House Close,
Turners Hill, West Sussex.
October 17.

*From Mrs Doreen Davie*

Sir, I can tell Derwent May what is in "those women's bags": no, not cosmetics and complementary pills; but pipe, tobacco, reading-glasses, on occasion tickets and passports, and any other item that leaves their husbands blithely unencumbered.

Yours sincerely,
DOREEN DAVIE,
Omega Cottage, High Street,
Silverton, Exeter, Devon.
October 17.

## It shall come to pass

*From Mr George Bull*

Sir, Is the prediction today at the end of William Rees-Mogg's scintillating criticism of the Catholic bishops —

*Simon Jenkins will appear tomorrow*

— also part of the religious debate?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BULL,
19 Hugh Street, SW1.
October 23.

# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 23: The Queen, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, went in State to the Palace of Westminster today to open the Session of Parliament.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, and were received at the Sovereign's Entrance by the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Earl Marshal.

Guards of Honour were mounted at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard found by the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards and at the Palace of Westminster by the 1st Battalion Irish Guards.

A staircase party of the Household Cavalry was on duty at Victoria Tower, House of Lords.

Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and from the Tower of London Saluting Battery by the Honourable Artillery Company.

The Imperial State Crown, the Sword of State and the Cap of Maintenance were conveyed previously to the House of Lords in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Regalia Escort of the Household Cavalry.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms was on duty in the Prince's Chamber and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty in the Royal Gallery.

*The Ladies and Gentlemen of* the Household in Waiting and the Pages of Honour to The Queen *were in attendance at the Palace of* Westminster.

The Queen and The Prince of Wales returned to Buckingham Palace and were received by the Lord Chamberlain and the Vice-Chamberlain of the Household.

Her Majesty, Patron, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to mark the amalgamation of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops with the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association and was received by the National President (Admiral Sir William Pillar), the Lord Westbury (National Vice-President) and the Chairman (Major-General Lennox Garren).

The Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Kwasniewska and welcomed them on behalf of The Queen.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 23: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the offices of the Royal Parks Agency and the Royal Parks Constabulary at the Old Police House, Hyde Park, London W2, and met members of staff and officers, before viewing the renovated police stables.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present at the State Opening of Parliament this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 23: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this morning at the State Opening of Parliament, House of Lords, Westminster, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 22: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this afternoon visited the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Musgrave Park, Hospital Barracks, Belfast.

His Royal Highness, President, the Scout Association, this evening attended a reception jointly hosted by the Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke Association at Hillsborough Castle, Hillsborough, County Down, Northern Ireland, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Down (Major William Hall).

*YORK HOUSE*
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 23: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Tandragee Recreation Centre, Madden Road, Tandragee, Portadown, County Armagh, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Armagh (The Earl of Caledon).

His Royal Highness later visited Sherwood-Davis and Geck, Garry Duff Road, Ballymoney, County Antrim and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (The Lord O'Neill).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened Whitepark Bay Youth Hostel, Whitepark Bay, Ballintoy, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

## Today's royal engagement

The Queen will give a luncheon at Buckingham Palace at 1.00 for the President of Poland: will attend a service of dedication for the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, at 5.25 and will attend a reception at Butchers' Hall afterwards.

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will attend a seminar on Regeneration through Heritage and view the David Hockney Galleries at Salts Mill, Saltaire, Shipley, West Yorkshire, at 10.05: as President of The Prince's Trust, will attend a presentation to local business leaders on the work of the trust and Business in the Community at the Carlisle Business Centre, Carlisle Road, Bradford, at 12.40; and, as patron, will visit The Prince of Wales' Hospice, Halfpenny Lane, Pontefract, at 2.25.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new Newark Hospital, Boundary Road, at 10.35; will present the Newark Civic Awards for 1996 at the Town Hall at 11.25; will visit Benoy, Handley House, Northgate, at 1.05; will open the new visitors' centre at Southwell Minster at 1.55; and will open the Nottingham Community Housing Association's Castle Station Development, Newark, at 3.10.

The Duke of Kent, as Honorary Air Commodore, will visit Headquarters Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, at 10.30.

## Receptions

**Heritage of London Trust**
The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Heritage of London Trust, was received by Mr Giles Shepard, Chairman, at a Reception held on Tuesday at Fishmongers' Hall to mark the 15th Anniversary of the Trust. Mr William Bell, President, Sir John Lambert, Vice-President, and Mr Julian Spicer, Director, received the guests.

**Inter-Parliamentary Union**
Dame Jill Knight, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the Executive Committee, were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at the Palace of Westminster after the State Opening of Parliament. Members of the Cabinet and Heads of Diplomatic Missions in London were present.

**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**
Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, *and Dr John Marek, MP, Joint* Honorary Treasurer, were the hosts yesterday at a reception held at the Houses of Parliament for High Commissioners and other representatives of Commonwealth countries in London and visiting Commonwealth Members attending the State Opening of Parliament.

## Service dinners

***HMS Sultan***
Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, proposed the toast to *The Immortal Memory* at a dinner held last night at *HMS Sultan* to mark Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. Commander D.W. Pond, RN, presided.

**Inns of Court and City Yeomanry**
The Lord Mayor was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry last night at Lincoln's Inn, and was received by Colonel G.D. Thompson. Major J. Fern presided. Lord Justice Gibson, Sir Lawrence Verney, Major-General E.F.G. Burton, Brigadier N.F. Wood, Brigadier R. Heywood and Colonel A.P. Verey were among the guests.

## Dinners

**Reform Club**
The Speaker was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Reform Club last night at the clubhouse to mark her honorary membership of the club. Mr John B. Elliott, chairman, presided.

**Old Millhillians Club**
The Old Millhillians Club held a dinner on Friday, October 18, 1996, at the RAC Club, Pall Mall, at which the retiring President, Mr R. Samuels, inducted Mr Jim Roberts as President for the forthcoming year. The Headmaster was the principal speaker.

**West Downs School**
The Centenary Dinner of the OWD Society was held on Monday at Brooks's. Mr Daniel Hodson was in the Chair and the guests of honour were Mr and Mrs Reginald Severn. The guest speakers were Mr Tom Geddes, Principal of King Alfred's College, Winchester and Mr Charles Rigby. The dinner was attended by 70 OWDs from 1917 to 1977. Any OWD wishing to make contact with the Society should write to the Hon Secretary D.C.H. Howard, Ranvilles Farm, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 6AA.

## Luncheons

**HM Government**
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Rifkind were the hosts at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the President of Poland and Mrs Kwasniewski.

**Tallow Chandlers' Company**
Mr C.A. Holborow, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, presented the company's medals and awards to young employees in the Federation of Fats, Oils and Seeds Association at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Mr A. Asuni was awarded the Duncan Knight Scholarship and Mr D. Rosen the Theatre Lighting Award.

**Mid Atlantic Club/ESU**
Dr K.P. Klaiber, Head of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncehon of the Mid Atlantic Club/English Speaking Union held yesterday at the union. Sir Frank Roberts presided.

## Sir Jeremy Rowe

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Jeremy Rowe, CBE, will be held at St Marylebone Church, Marylebone Road, NW1 on Tuesday, November 19, at 11.30am.

## Royal Commonwealth Society

From October 24, 1996, The Royal Commonwealth Society resumes its former status as an independent body and Commonwealth Trust is placed in abeyance.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Dame Diana Rigg after receiving an honorary degree from South Bank University, London, at Southwark Cathedral yesterday. Sir Richard Rogers, the architect, the Hon Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, and Anthony Atkinson, Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford, also received honorary degrees

# Inns of Court awards

## Lincoln's Inn

Pre-pupillage awards 1996-97
Scholarships

**Mansfield:** David Allan, Trinity Hall, Cambridge; James Allport, Christ Church, Oxford; Narita Bahra, King's Coll, London; Jessica Chappell, St Hilda's, Oxford; Natasha Gordon-Dean, Leeds Univ.

**Sunley:** Muhammed Hague, Hertford, Oxford: Sonia Harris, Christ Church, Oxford: Simon Kerr, Keble, Oxford; Yash Kulkarni, Selwyn, Cambridge: Matthew Line, Liverpool Univ.

**Wolfson:** Justin Michaelson, Leeds Univ: Sara Mansoori, Leeds Univ: Marc Teasdale, Oriel, Oxford: Clare Turnbull, Clare, Cambridge: Rachael Young, Pembroke, Oxford.

**Tancred Studentships:** Jon Close, Warwick Univ: Corin Mews, Clare, Cambridge.

**Thomas More Bursaries:** Riad Ahmed, Derby Univ; Paul Bogdanor, Christ Church, Oxford: Gaby Bonham-Carter, Manchester Univ: Lorna Borthwick, Birmingham Univ: George Branchflower, Leeds Metropolitan Univ: Edmund Burge, Durham Univ: Alexander Cameron, Pembroke, Cambridge: Simon Clarke, East London Univ: Robert Faulkner, Birmingham Univ: Rachel Faux, Nottingham Trent Univ; Stephanie Flynn, Univ Coll, Oxford; Susan Hewitt, Sunderland Poly; Huw Jones, Essex Univ; Matthew Latham, Leicester Univ: Sally Low, De Montfort Univ: Louis Mably, Leeds Univ: Mark McDonald, Westminster Univ: Malini Nathani, Univ Coll, London: Simon Piper, Churchill, Cambridge: Simon Plaut, St Catharine's, Cambridge: Phaedra Shillingford, Brunel Univ.

**CPE Awards 1996-97:** William Byrne, Bristol Univ: Koreih Duodu, Royal Holloway, London Univ: Mary Gibbons, Smith Coll, USA: Alistair Ladkin, St Andrews Univ: Julia Maguire, St John's, Oxford: Christopher Mann, Magdalen, Oxford: Robert Metcalf, Portsmouth Univ; Penelope Richardson, Edinburgh Univ: Dominic Rose, Trinity, Oxford: Ruby Selvanayagam, Exeter Univ; Andrew Wille, Univ Coll, Oxford; Victoria Woodbridge, King's Coll, London.

## Gray's Inn

Scholarships and Awards 1996-97

Junior Scholarships 1996

**Prince of Wales Scholarships:** Nathan Pillow, Nottingham HS and Magdalen, Oxford; Kate Gallafent, Haberdashers' Aske's, Nonsuch HS, and Trinity, Cambridge: Deepak Nambisan, King Edward VI S, Birmingham, and Christ's, Cambridge: Richard Vallat, Winchester and Merton, Oxford: Andrew George, Windsor Comp S and St Catherine's, Oxford; Nicholas Bent, Manchester GS and Magdalen, Oxford; Hereward Phillipot, Queen Elizabeth's GS, Alford and York Univ; Kevin Slack, King Egbert Comp and King Edward VII CS, Sheffield and Emmanuel, Cambridge: Edmund Robb, Harrow and Christchurch, Oxford; John Denis-Smith, Bedford S and St John's, Oxford; Richard Wald, Magdalen Coll S and Edinburgh Univ: Gary Woodhall, Billingham Campus S, Bede Sixth Form Coll and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

**Birkenhead Award:** Ben Quiney, Birkdale S and Univ Coll, Oxford.

**Bacon Award:** Jonathan Adkin, Loughborough GS and Balliol, Oxford.

**Lord Justice Holker Awards:** Paul McGrath, All Hallows Comp and Bracknell Coll, QMWC, London: Nicholas Bower, Univ Coll S and Magdalen, Oxford; Charles Holroyd, Eton and New Coll, Oxford: Julian Kenny, Eton and Magdalen, Oxford: Nicola Rogers, St Mary's, Ascot and Edinburgh Univ: Giles Fernando, Mill Hill S and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford: Abigail Barber, Rugby and St Anne's, Windermere, and Bristol Univ.

**Uthwatt Award:** Daniel Dovar, Dame Alice Owen's S and Bristol Univ.

**Holt Award:** Harald Ewing, Icknield High and Luton Sixth Form and Caius, Cambridge.

**Steen Award:** Patrick Clarke, Stourport High and King's, London.

**Gerald Moody Award:** Alan Blake, Monkton Combe S, Bath, and Worcester, Oxford.

**William Shaw Award:** Margaret Gray, Ballyclare HS and Hertford, Oxford.

**Albion Richardson:** Sarah Pritchard, Moreton Hall, Oswestry and Warwick Univ.

**Goldie Award:** Christopher Munro, St Alban's S and Emmanuel, Cambridge.

**Unnamed Junior Awards:** James Abrahams, Bournemouth S and St Anne's, Oxford; David Berman, William Hulme's GS, Manchester, and Leeds Univ; Anthony Bastow, London Oratory and Mansfield, Oxford; David Bridgeman, Exeter S, Devon, and Exeter, Oxford; Joanna Brownhill, Castle S and Richard Huish Sixth Form, Taunton, and Lincoln, Oxford: Melissa Cacciotti, Lycee de Sevres, Paris, and Lancaster Univ; Adreeja Chatterjee, Hummersknott Comp and Powam Hall, Darlington, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Paul Clarke, St Paul's, London, and St Andrews Univ; Matthew Coggins, St Mary's Coll, Blackburn, and Brasenose, Oxford: Guy Daly, Bodmin Comp and King's, London; Hartley Foster, Bloxham School, Swindon Coll, and Edinburgh Univ; Adrian Fowler, Birkenhead S and Exeter Univ; Sonia Kaisi, Sandy Upper S and LSE; James Henderson, Tadcaster GS, and Fitzwilliam, Cambridge; Tim Mayer, Southwolds S, Nottingham, and Oriel, Oxford: Emma Pettman, Malbank S, Nantwich, and Jesus, Cambridge: Jacob Rowbottom, North Area Coll, Stockport, and Exeter, Oxford: Nigel Woodhouse, St Edmund's S, Portsmouth, and Anglia Poly Univ.

**Prizes of admission fees:** Richard Hadley, Wolverhampton Univ; Emma Heptonstall, Keele Univ; Rebecca Oakley, Cardiff Univ; Gerald Steinke, Buckingham Univ.

Senior Scholarships 1996

**The Arden:** Richard Leiper, Birmingham Univ and Keble, Oxford.

**The Atkin:** Andrew Sharland, Queen Mary & Westfield, London, William and Mary Coll, Virginia, Worcester, Oxford.

**The Reid:** Timothy Kenefick, St Catherine's, Cambridge.

**The Mould:** Catherine Gibaud, Cape Town.

**Senior Awards 1996 (for unfunded pupillages):** the Malcolm Hilbery: Phillippa Edwards, Exeter; the Lionel Blundell: Gareth Branston, Queens' Coll, Cambridge; the Lionel Blundell: Fergus Harold, Durham; the William McNair: Andrew Smiler, Trinity Coll, Oxford; the John G C Phillips QC: Nigel Ifitch, London; the Sir Roy Wilson: Adam Western, Liverpool; the Sir Raymond Phillips MC: Maria Scotland, Leeds; the Rodney Bax: John McNally, Surrey; the Sir Dingle Foot QC: Neil Griffin, Univ Coll, London; the Sir Dingle Foot QC: Claudette Reid, South Bank Poly; the Mars-Jones: Victoria Milner, Girton Coll, Cambridge; Ede & Ravenscroft: Nicola Jones, Wig & Gown Oxford.

**David Karmel Entrance Awards**

**Awards:** Huw Davies, Bishop of Llandaff High School, Cardiff, and Jesus, Oxford: Carol Elliott, Central Manchester Coll, and Liverpool Univ; Gillian Geddes, Sutton High School and London School of Economics; Neil Hart, King William's Coll, Isle of Man, and Magdalen, Oxford (£3,000 plus £1,000 City Univ Prize); Louise Hooper, Hutton Grammar School, and Univ Coll, London: Harriet Jerram, St Albans' Girls School and St Catherine's, Cambridge: Tanuka Loha, Loreto Coll, South Trafford Coll, and Univ Coll, London: Robert Palmer, Eton, and St John's, Oxford: James Pretsell, Monmouth School, Nantyglo School, and Bristol Univ; Neil Sheldon, Lancing Coll, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Kendal Travis, Phildene Drama School, and Westminster Univ.

**Award:** Daneth Alexis-Johnson, Hodge Hill S, Birmingham, and *King's Coll, London.*

**Awards:** Lucy Cheetham, Kent Coll, Canterbury, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge: Andrew Cogan, Price's S, Fareham, and Univ of East Anglia; Rebecca Crane, Bedford High, The Leys, Cambridge, and Univ Coll, London: Jane Fairclough, Howell's S, Clwyd, and Birmingham Univ; Ashley Heath, Queen Ethelburga's S, Harrogate, and Manchester Poly; Basharat Hussain, De Ferrers High S, and Manchester Univ; David Malone, Ellesmere Port Catholic High, and Sheffield Univ; Sara Philip, Newstead Wood Girls S, and Univ Coll, Oxford; Adam Solomon, Haberdashers' Aske's, Exeter, Oxford, and Sussex Univ; Alexander Troup, Bristol Grammar and St Anne's, Oxford; Simon Winter, Altrincham Grammar and St John's, Oxford.

**The H C Richards Essay Prize:** Gareth Branston, Queens' Coll, Cambridge; Malcolm Welsh, Imperial Coll, London.

**The Lee Essay Prize:** 1st prize: Richard Lieper, Birmingham Univ and Keble Coll, Oxford; Joint 2nd prize: Paul McGrath, Queen Mary & Westfield Coll, London; Giles Neafsey, Cardiff Univ; 4th prize: Jasbir Dhillon, Keble Coll, Oxford, and Harvard Univ; 5th prize: Sandip Jobanputra, Magdalen Coll, Oxford; 6th prize: Sarah Bourke, Univ Coll, London.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D.A.A. Coleman**
**and Miss E.O. Rawlinson**
The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Coleman, of Reigate, Surrey, and Eleanor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Rawlinson, of Arkesden, Essex.

**Mr E.C. Eadie**
**and Miss E.J.V. Laurenson**
The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Eadie, of Bourne Orchard, Brickendon, Hertford, and Emily, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Laurenson, of Hill House, Kirknewton, Midlothian.

**Mr J.N. Holmes-Milner**
**and Miss A. Throp**
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Dr and Mrs J.G. Holmes-Milner, of Bexhill, Sussex, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Throp, of Sutton, Surrey.

**Mr S.H.R. Lubbock**
**and Miss M.C. Yates**
The engagement is announced between Stephen Henry Ralph, son of Mr John Lubbock, of Chelsea, and Mrs Anne Powell, of St Margaret's Bay, and Melissa Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Yates, of Steeple Bumpstead.

**Mr C.M. Phipps**
**and Ms P. Payne**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Phipps, of Douglas, Isle of Man, and Polly, daughter of Dr and Mrs Sebastian Payne, of Cambridge.

**Mr R.P. Ring**
**and Miss S.J. Mason**
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs Nicholas Ring, of Plymouth, Devon, and Sarah, daughter of Professor and Mrs Roger Mason, of Holmes Chapel, Cheshire.

**Mr S.N. Wilkinson**
**and Miss T.M. Hunter Gordon**
The engagement is announced between Stewart, son of Dr and Mrs Iain Wilkinson, of Cambridge, and Tamsin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Hunter Gordon, of Kirknewton, Midlothian.

**Mr M.P.A. Sugden**
**and Miss V.A.L. Persson**
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Sugden, of Norwood Green, West Yorkshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Persson, of Plymouth, Devon.

**Mr M.I.G. Wilson**
**and Miss E.M. Loudon**
The engagement is announced between Mungo, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wilson, of Westbrook House, Boxford, near Newbury, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Loudon, of Kensington, London.

## Marriages

**Mr J.H.S. Maclean**
**and Miss C.G.M. Myddelton**
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 19, in the Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey, of Mr John Maclean, elder son of the Rev Kenneth and Mrs Maclean, to Miss Claerwen Myddelton, daughter of Mr Hugh Myddelton and the Hon Mrs Sasi Myddelton. Canon Colin Semper officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Camilla Allsopp, Lady Gabriella Seymour, George Sargeant and Rollo Deutsch. Mr Anthony Van Oss was best man.

A reception was held at 123 New Bond Street and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Mr G.E. Andreae**
**and Miss V.J. Clive**
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 19, at the Collegiate Church of St Endellion, North Cornwall, of Giles, son of the late Mr John Andreae and of Mrs Andreae, to Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clive. The Rev Prebendary Michael Bartlett officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Dylan Clive, Charly Clive, Anna Boden and Lucy Slack. Mr Simon Andreae was best man.

## Birthdays today

The Earl of Ulster celebrates his 22nd birthday today.

Sir John Adye, former director, GCHQ, 57; Mr Nic Ainger, MP, 47; Sir Geoffrey Bateman, otolaryngologist, 90; Mr Phil Bennett, rugby player, 48; Signor Luciano Berio, composer, 71; Miss Lesley Bidstrup, industrial medical consultant, 80; Sir John Blelloch, civil servant, 66; Rear-Admiral J.H. Carlill, former secretary, Engineering Council, 71; Mr P.J. Chenery, secretary, British Council, 50; Mr David Cope, former Master, Marlborough College, 52; Baroness Dacre, 67; Mr Jonathan Davies, rugby union player, 34; Sir Robin Day, broadcaster, 73; Mr Frank Delaney, writer and broadcaster, 54; Captain Sir Thomas Dunne, Lord-Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester, 63; Dr R.A. Easton, chief executive, Delta, 48; Mr Henry Elwes, Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, 61.

The Earl of Gainsborough, 73; Mr Peter Gellhorn, conductor, 84; Colonel Sir John Gilmour, former Lord-Lieutenant of Fife, 84; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, 58; Sir Ralph Halpern, former chairman and chief executive, Burton Group, 58; Mr Wally Herbert, explorer, 62; Professor Dame Elizabeth Hill, Professor of Slavonic Studies, Cambridge University, 96; Miss Sena Jurinac, opera singer, 75; Mr Kevin Kline, actor, 49; Sir Keith Morris, diplomat, 62; Sir Fred Pontin, founder, Pontin's, 90; Professor W. Linford Rees, psychiatrist, 82; Mr Allan Rogers, MP, 64; Professor Sir Peter Russell, Hispanic historian, 83; Sir Robert Sainsbury, joint president, J Sainsbury, 90; the Marquess of Salisbury, 80; Mr Paddy Tipping, MP, 47; Mr Bill Wyman, Rolling Stones' guitarist, 60.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, London, 1644; Sir Moses Montefiore, philanthropist, Leghorn, 1784; Dame Sybil Thorndike, actress, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1882; Tito Gobbi, baritone, Bassando del Grappa, Italy, 1915; Marghanita Laski, writer, Manhattan, 1924.

DEATHS: Jane Seymour, third wife of King Henry VIII, Hampton Court, 1537; Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Naples, 1725; Francis Turner Palgrave, poet and critic, London, 1897; George Cadbury, chocolate manufacturer and social reformer, Birmingham, 1922; Susan Lawrence, Labour minister 1929, London, 1947; Franz Lehar, composer, Bad Ischal, Austria, 1948; Christian Dior, couture designer, Montecatini, Italy, 1957; Edward Burra, painter, 1976.

James VI of Scotland was proclaimed James I, King of "England, Scotland, France and Ireland", 1604.

The Chicago gangster Al Capone was jailed for 11 years and fined $80,000 for tax evasion, 1931.

The United Nations was formally established, 1945.

Northern Rhodesia became the independent Republic of Zambia, with Kenneth Kaunda as its first President, 1964.

## Service luncheon

**Gallipoli Association**
The High Commissioner for New Zealand was present at the annual luncheon of the Gallipoli Association held yesterday at the Naval Club. Captain C.T.F. Fagan, chairman of the association, presided. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst was the principal speaker.

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## BIRTHS

**AMI** - On October 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Atsuko (née Ueda) and Kosugi, a beautiful daughter.

**ANDERSEN** - On October 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Jeanette and Jan-Erik, a son, Patrik, a brother for Niklas and Maud.

**AUTERAC** - On October 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Richard and Jill, a son, Alexander Edward James, a brother for Charlotte, Georgina, Nicholas and Charles.

**BARGATE** - On 21st October at Rosie Maternity, Cambridge, a son, William Nicholas, to Glynis (née Leighton) and Quentin, a brother for Alexander and Edward.

**BURBANKS** - On October 20th, to Aya and Adrian, a son, Tomoya Christopher, a brother for James.

**BUTT** - On October 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Yasmin and Shahid, beautiful twin sons, Ahmer and Sheraz.

**CLACKSON** - Tom and Michele would like to announce the arrival of a perfect daughter, Josephine Francesca Power, born on 14th October at 2am.

**COOK** - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Patrick and Suzanne, a beautiful son, Jacob, a brother for Micaiah.

**GARRISON** - Ian and Jane are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Charles Edward, on 4th October 1996, a brother for Sarah.

**INGRAM** - On October 18th, to Sarah (née King) and Duncan, a daughter, Elizabeth Mariela Katharine.

**ISAACS** - On October 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Debbie (née Rapp) and Barry, a delightful son, Sacha Laren.

**KENDALL** - On October 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Tania and Jeffrey, a perfect first son Jordan - proud grandparents Jean, Terry, Vivienne and Kopal.

## BIRTHS

**PILGRIM** - On 22nd October 1996 at The Royal Free Hampstead to Lisa (née Fuller) and Glen, a daughter, Amelia Klara Jane.

**RHYDDERCH-ROBERTS** - On October 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Helen (née Fogg) and Mark, a son, Richard Arthur.

**RICE** - On October 10th 1996, to Caroline (née St George) and Edward, a son, Henry Charles Edward.

**SPRING** - On October 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Barbra (née Lange) and Jeremy, a beautiful small son Tayler, a brother for Jayden.

**STEWART** - On October 22nd at St Thomas' Hospital, London to Anna (née Nicholas) and Alan, a son, Oliver James Nicholas.

**WAINSTEIN** - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Samantha (née Royston) and Shaun, a beautiful daughter, Kira Lilly. Grandchild to Sandra and Leslie, Marienne and Ben.

**WAKEFIELD** - On September 11th, to Kitty (née Sharpe) and Hilary, a daughter, Susannah, a sister for Helena.

**WALSH** - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Annie and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, Claudia, a sister for Charlie and Isobel.

**WRIGLEY** - On October 20th 1996, to Claire and Mark, a son, Hugh Raffe Giles, a brother for Isobel.

## DEATHS

**ACON** - Lt. Cmdr. Neville Acon, R.D., R.M.R., peacefully in his sleep on October 22nd 1996. Beloved husband of the late Hilda Mary, dear father of David and daughter-in-law Tracia. Service at St Luke's Church, Crosby, Liverpool on Tuesday October 29th at 11.30 am followed by interment in the Churchyard. Donations if desired may be sent for the R.N.L.I. Enquiries to Howard Funeral Directors (01704) 565694.

## DEATHS

**ADAMS** - Gilbert F.R.P.S. on 20th October 1996 in his 90th year, adored husband of Rosalind, father of Susan, Anthony and Jane, special grandfather and wonderful friend to so many. Funeral Service on Thursday October 31st 11.30 am at St Nicholas Church, Huish, near Marlborough, Wilts. Donations for East Kennet Crossroads c/o T. Free & Sons, tel: (01672) 512110.

**ALLISON** - "TB", 19th October 1996. Inventor, Pilot, Engineer. Cremation 2.30 Tuesday 29th October, Poole Crematorium. Flowers to Jolliffe, Ferndown, or donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**BAKER** - Katharine Stella, M.B.E., greatly loved widow of Frederick, guardian aunt of John Chick, aunt of Anne Fielder and great-aunt of Anthony Fielder, Susan Middleton, Sarah Jane Payne and Sophia Fielder, died peacefully in her sleep at Highfield Nursing Home, Ware, in the early hours of Saturday 19th October, after a gentle decline, aged 92. The funeral service will be at 2.30 pm on Thursday 7th November at Holy Trinity Church, Little Amwell, Hertford Heath, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, c/o Alfred Scales, 11 Church Street, Hertford, in memory of her elder brothers Trevor and Gerald Chick, killed in action 1914/15, whom at this time she never forgot.

**BARRY** - Margaret Julia on 22nd October 1996, in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, aged 87. Beloved wife of the late Major Patrick Barry, M.C., T.D., dearest mother of Michael and Brian, devoted mother-in-law to Helen and Ann, grandmother to Patrick, Timothy, James, Susannah and Lucy and great-grandmother to Katie. Cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium Wednesday 30th October at 2.30 pm. Flowers to E. White & Son Ltd., F/D, 138/139 East Reach, Taunton, TA1 3HN, tel: (01823) 272183.

**BATCHELOR** - Colin Michael died aged 67 in France. His funeral service was held at the Crematorium Bordeaux on 16th October. He was greatly loved by his wife, all his family and many friends. R.I.P.

**BIRKETT** - Peter Ewart of Thornbury, Bristol, died suddenly in Nairobi, Kenya, on October 21st 1996 aged 72 years. Dear husband of Pam and beloved father of Daryl, Alison and Edwin. Enquiries to L & J Gulwell Funeral Directors, 1 Quaker Lane, Thornbury, Bristol, tel: (01454) 418779.

**BLACKETT-ORD** - John Christopher (Jock), peacefully on 21st October, aged 78 years. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield, at 2.30 pm on Monday 28th October. Family flowers only.

**BOND** - On October 18th 1996, Elizabeth, aged 82 years. Much loved Mother of Sally and Juliet, loving Grandmother of Catherine, Fiona, Charles and Edward. Private Cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst on Monday November 4th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished to the 'League of Friends of Pembury Hospital' c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, Burwash, E. Sx. TN19 7ET, tel: (01435) 882219.

**BOND** - Peter Allen A.R.I.B.A. of Chipping Ongar, Essex, late of Epping, died 20th October 1996 aged 67. Dearest husband of Pam, loving father of Diana and Martin and daughter-in-law Julie. Dear grandad to Simon, Adam, Jade-Emily and Oliver. Funeral and interment St Mary's Church, High Easter, Chelmsford, 12.30 pm 28th October 1996. All enquiries to D.C. Poulton & Sons (01992) 572609.

**BOOTH** - Robert Camm, Kt, CBE, TD, on October 22nd 1996. Dearly beloved husband of Veronica, cherished and most loving father of Anthea, Nigel, Sarah and Joanna and dearest grandfather of Julia, David, Nicholas, Michael and Judith. Funeral Service at St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull on Wednesday October 30th at 2.45 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 61 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

**BROOKES** - On October 21st suddenly but peacefully in Exeter. Denison (Denis) Hayward Newling aged 80 of Budleigh Salterton, formerly of The Bank of England. Beloved husband of Eileen, much loved father of Clare, Sue and Kevin, Nick and Cindy and proud grandfather of Hannah, Kieran and Rosemary. Service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium Wednesday October 30th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if desired to Fairlynch Museum & Art Centre c/o Palmers Funeral Service, 45 High Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6LF.

**CAMERON** - Janice Hazel aged 37 years, on October 19th 1996. Dearly beloved daughter of Shelagh and Bob, sister of Valerie, Neil and Tony, will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. The funeral will be held at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London on Monday October 28th at 1 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Recknell and Foster, 81-83 Green Lanes, Stoke Newington, London N16 9BX.

**CHAPLIN** - Joanne Chaplin died peacefully on October 22nd. The funeral service will take place on Thursday October 31st at St Mary the Virgin, Mortlake High Street, London SW14 at 2.15 pm, followed by committal at Mortlake Crematorium.

**ELGUERA** - Suddenly on October 17th 1996 Amalia Alaida Elguera Cantuarias, only daughter of Manuel Elguera McParlin and the late Amalia Cantuarias Zevallos de Elguera. Much mourned by her friends. Funeral Putney Vale Crematorium Friday 25th October at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Chelsea F/D, 260B Fulham Road, SW10 9EL, (0171) 352-0008.

**FOX** - On 21st October 1996 Sheila wife of the late Major Peter Fox D.L. D.S.O., much loved mother and grandmother. Service at Durisdeer Kirk on Monday 28th October at 11.30 am committal thereafter private. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to St Columba's Hospice, Boswall Road, Edinburgh.

**GOODE** - (Wheatley) - Sheila Marion on 21st October in High Wycombe Hospital after an illness borne with immense courage. Beloved wife of Geoffrey (deceased). Dearly beloved sister and aunt, and dear friend to many. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Great Missenden, on Friday 1st November at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only please but donations to Macmillan Nurses may be sent c/o Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks. HP16 0BE.

**HUNT** - On Tuesday 22nd October 1996 quietly in his sleep in The East Lancashire Hospice and of Sunnyside Avenue, Wilpshire, Blackburn. Frank, aged 85 years. The beloved husband of the late Ivy, a devoted father of Shirley, loving grandpa of Kary, Lucy and Bill and a dearly loved great-grandpa. Reposing in the Chapel of Rest, 170 Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington where flowers will be received. The cortege will leave from his daughter's home on Saturday 26th October for an 11 am service in St Peter's Church, Salesbury, Blackburn followed by interment in the churchyard. Enquiries: L. Champ Funeral Service tel: (01254) 390731.

**JEFF** - On 19th October 1996, Betty, wife of the late Robert Jeff and mother of John Allstair, aged 84 years. Private cremation. Donations, if desired, to Nuffield Care Centre c/o Stoneman, Doran Court, Redhill, RH1 6AZ. Memorial Service to be announced later.

**KELLY** - Alexander, pianist and teacher. Suddenly, on 23rd October 1996, aged 67. Funeral at St Osmund's RC Church, London SW13, 30th October at 3.30 pm.

**LEAVER** - On October 22nd after a short illness bravely borne Joan Mary, beloved wife of the late Kenneth William Leaver, much loved mother of Christopher, Peter and David and adored grandmother of Emma and Penelope. Funeral Service at 9.30 am on Tuesday October 29th at St Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund to 15 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ. All enquiries to W.S. Bond (0181) 994-0277.

**MARTIN** - M.H.A. Peacefully on October 21st, Maurice, beloved husband of Pamela and much loved father of Simon and Sarah. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Clements Church, Sandwich, at 3 pm on Tuesday October 29th. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research c/o J. Dilnot Smith & Son, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, Kent.

**NEWMAN** - Hyacinth, widow of Garson Newman, formerly of Liverpool, died peacefully at Vicarage Gate House, London on October 17th. Donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital c/o J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2 4UL, (0171) 229-3810.

**PIGOTT** - Nicola, much loved and talented daughter of Michael and Ann and family Lance, Sue and Gavin. Private funeral, no flowers or letters please. Donations if desired to Mental Health Foundation, 37 Mortimer Street, W1N 8JU.
Now she is at peace.

**PONDER** - On 18th October Claire widow of Dr. A. Ponder, peacefully at the home of John and Carol. Mother of Kit and Carol, grandmother to Russell, Sam and Alexander. No flowers but donations to The National Trust. Memorial Service November 7th, 12 noon, St Mary's, Wargrave, Berkshire. All enquiries to Tomalins (01491) 573370.

**RAM** - Edward David Abel (Ned) peacefully on Tuesday, 22nd October 1996 after a short illness. Much loved husband of Flu and devoted father of Harry. Private family funeral to take place in Cornwall. Memorial Service to be announced later.

**REEVES** - Philip Henry, on October 18th 1996, aged 62. Died suddenly after a short illness. Best friend, adored and much loved husband of Gill. Mentor and dear father of Nicola and Lindsay. Much loved grandfather of Emma and Nia. A unique man, who will be desperately missed. Private cremation, family flowers only. Celebration of life service at St Andrew's Church, Trowse, 2.30 pm Friday 25th October. Any donations to the Philosophy Secretary, S.O.C., University of East Anglia for Books, or the RNLI Cromer.

**SIRR** - On 22nd October Winifred Ethel, widow of Hubert. Funeral Service Church of St John the Baptist, Hindon, Wiltshire, Friday 1st November at 2.30pm.

**SPEKE** - Suddenly at home on October 22nd, Neil Hanning Reed aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Averil and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced.

**SYMONDS** - On October 13th peacefully at home in Poughkeepsie NY U.S.A., Andrew, beloved husband of Jenifer, very dear father of Julian and Toby and precious son of Pamela and Ronald.

**WACHSMANN** - Eva, died unexpectedly and peacefully on Sunday October 20th. Much loved. Service will be at The Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday October 29th at 2.20 pm. Reception afterwards.

**WESTLAKE** - Peacefully after great suffering bravely borne on 21st October, Eleanor Phyllis aged 62 years, sister of Frederick Ernest, much loved by the whole family. Funeral St Peter's, Chailey, 25th October 1.30 pm. Arrangements J & R Matthews (01444) 441515.

**YOUNG** - Dorothy Maitland (née Greenfield), peacefully on 21st October 1996, aged 82, of Rivington, Lancashire and Also of Ingworth, Norfolk and Market Rasen, Lincolnshire. Private funeral.

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## OBITUARIES

# MATTHEW HARDING

**Matthew Harding, vice-chairman of Chelsea Football Club, died in a helicopter crash on October 22 aged 42. He was born on December 26, 1953.**

Although it was his success as a businessman, in insurance, that enabled him to cut the dash he did in public, it is for his passion for football — embodied in a long love affair with Chelsea FC and all its works — that Matthew Harding will be most generally remembered. His long-running feud with Chelsea's chairman Ken Bates, resolved in a somewhat uneasy truce only six months ago, was, as he saw it, a battle for the "soul" of the club.

Should the Chelsea of the future be about a brand-new stadium, big corporation atmosphere and well-upholstered entertainment facilities for the great and the good? Or should the money he and others had pumped into the club be devoted to the pursuit of excitement on the pitch of the kind that had given the Chelsea of the late Sixties and early Seventies its glamorous image and made it synonymous with the King's Road culture of Mary Quant and Ossie Clark?

In contrast with Bates, who wanted the futuristic stadium, Harding was a man who dreamt of once again seeing the likes of Peter Osgood and Charlie Cooke strolling the Stamford Bridge turf with easy elegance, while Peter Bonetti lurked watchfully between the goalposts. He looked back to an era in which Chelsea could win both FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup in successive seasons with displays of verve and style. Not that he was backward-looking. Twenty years Bates's junior, he believed passionately in a vibrant new Chelsea team to be assembled by the club's brilliant new player-manager, the former Dutch star Ruud Gullit.

In all things Harding was in complete contrast with his chairman. A frothing pint of Guinness, downed in the local pub among the fans, was his idea of a tipple — not the effervescent products of Epernay, quaffed in the opulent atmosphere of the directors' box among distinguished guests. Although a man who had prospered during the Thatcherite ethos of the 1980s with his Benfield reinsurance broking company, he was an avowed Labour supporter, and had just donated £1 million to the party's coffers, generally regarded as a record for an individual donation.

When asked how he visualised the millennium he saw it totally in football and political terms: "Tony Blair in Downing Street, Glenn Hoddle winning the European championships — and obviously Chelsea as league champions." When he was removed from the Chelsea boardroom he simply shrugged his shoulders and decamped to the new North Stand which had been built with £5 million of his own money. There he set up camp among the fans with whom he felt most at home.

Matthew Harding was born in Haywards Heath, Sussex, and grew up in prosperous-enough circumstances. His father, a Lloyd's underwriter, was able to send him to Abingdon School, but it was an experience which was to fill him with a dislike of the public school and rugby-playing ethos. From the age of eight he was a regular attender on the Chelsea terraces, developing a love of the club which never afterwards left him.

After leaving school with only one A level he went to work in a bank in Haywards Heath where, as he later said, his most onerous task was to shut the main doors at the end of the working day. After six months of this he went to the City to work at the Anglo-Portuguese Bank in Bishopsgate. This was little more congenial and he was soon dismissed after dropping anchor at his local pub for an overlong lunch-hour.

But his fortunes were about to change with dramatic suddenness. While having a drink in a City pub with his father he was introduced to Ted Benfield, who asked him if he would like to join him in a reinsurance broking company he was setting up. Starting as an office junior in 1973, he was soon making rapid progress. By 1980 he had been offered the opportunity to acquire 10 per cent of the company's shares. In 1982 he bought out his proprietor, borrowing £160,000 to buy a 32 per cent stake in the company. This stake was to increase its value to more than £150 million in the years which followed. Last year the company made a profit of £32 million. By that time Harding was one of Britain's 100 richest men.

Harding's business association with Chelsea Football Club came in 1994 when he answered a request from its chairman, Ken Bates, for investment. Harding ploughed £26.5 million into the Stamford Bridge ground, and became a director of the club. This direct involvement in Chelsea seemed only to increase his enthusiasm for the club and its football, and he was a familar sight before matches in the Imperial Arms in King's Road, where he would meet friends and discuss the prospects for the impending match, washing down the conversation with stout and oysters.

But his aim of buying the best players and building up a strong team brought him into conflict with his chairman, who wanted to use the money on a futuristic new stadium. A classic tabloid newspaper feud developed between the two men, with allegations of wrongdoing by each against the other reaching fantasy proportions.

The disagreement was finally resolved in March of this year; by that time Harding no longer had his seat on the board. He became vice-chairman of the club, but retained a 28.5 per cent stake in the company and was chairman of Chelsea Village, the club's parent company.

Besides Guinness and oysters, Harding was a devotee of Bob Dylan and was given to quoting the sayings of Holden Caulfield from J. D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye*. He is survived by his wife Ruth, three sons and one daughter, and by a daughter from his relationship with his girlfriend Vicky Jaramillo.

# KATE ALDERSON

**Kate Alderson, journalist, died on October 23 aged 28. She was born on August 29, 1968.**

KATE ALDERSON was striking in every respect: tall, beautiful, energetic, good company. At just 28 she had made a name for herself and had a distinguished career ahead of her. But although ambitious she had a great sense of honour and ethics.

She was always fizzing with enthusiasm — about her work, her life, her friends, even her enemies. Friendships mattered to her enormously and she kept them in good repair.

Her arrival as *The Times*'s northwest correspondent 2½ years ago was typical of the way she won people over. She worked in a separate office from *The Sun*'s team of seven northern reporters, but became the first rival journalist to be allowed into the tabloid newspaper's inner sanctum.

Kate Alderson's sensitivity and integrity in coping with the victims of tragedy stood her in great stead during her period in Manchester. She had to work on many heart-rending stories, including a string of horrific attacks on children and the IRA's Manchester bombings.

She was educated at Sedgefield School, Co Durham, Darlington Sixth Form College and Manchester University. Caught up by the wave of music and culture that drowned the city in the late 1980s, Kate, a natural night owl, was entranced. Her love and knowledge of Manchester were repaid when she returned several years later as a reporter.

After leaving university she travelled the world. She taught English in Taiwan, before moving on to Perth, Western Australia, where she worked as a helicopter ground control operator and also a housing welfare officer. On her return to Britain, she was a psychiatric nurse for six months.

Fiercely committed, she joined journalism's fast track, winning a place on the newspaper diploma course at City University, London. Her frank, blunt honesty swiftly marked her out. While her persistent questioning of journalistic techniques sometimes got her into trouble with the lecturers, it won the respect of those who were less willing to lob the questions which needed to be asked.

With two others from the course, she joined *The Times* as a trainee in September 1992. Again, it was fully in character that before her final interview she cold-called a successful trainee from the previous year's intake for a full and frank briefing on what to expect. By the end of that phone call, that trainee had himself been bewitched into joining Kate's circle of friends.

She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

# THE HON CHARLES TENNANT

**The Hon Charles Tennant, son of Lord Glenconner, died of hepatitis C on October 19 aged 39. He was born on February 15, 1957.**

WITH the blond good looks and impish charm of a tearaway angel, Charlie Tennant was the erratic but amiable eldest son of Lord Glenconner. He was the heir to a title and considerable family fortune, but traded all this privilege for the precarious fringes of life when, as a young man, he began to experiment with drugs. For some twenty years he struggled with a life of addiction.

In 1976 his father took the inevitable, but nonetheless difficult, step of disinheriting him in favour of his second son, Henry. But it was when this brother gave Charlie a cottage on the family estate in Peebleshire that he — taking refuge there from the temptations of urban drug culture — began to fight his way back to recovery. He met Sheilagh Scott, a fundraiser for Help the Aged, later to become his wife, and it was her patient support and unfailing devotion which played a central role in his recuperation. "I slept for about six months," Tennant later recalled. "I just slept and ate, and slowly I started regaining an interest in life."

In recent years Tennant was involved in campaigning for more understanding of those with drugs problems and, although he fought shy of the publicity which had hounded his life, he was prepared to speak out openly in the cause of those who had undergone similar experiences to himself. "If what I, or someone like me, says gets through to even one or two people and gives them and their parents hope, then it is worth it. There certainly is a way out of the nightmare of drug addiction and there is normal life beyond it."

The Tennants were an Ayrshire family who made their money during the Industrial Revolution when they created a bleaching process which successfully allied itself to Scotland's rising linen manufacture industry. Tennant's Stalk, their mighty factory chimney, stood proudly in Glasgow as a symbol of their success. But the family soon moved away from industrial associations and by the turn of the century were established in a vast mock-baronial castle, The Glen, in Peebleshire.

Charles Edward Pevensey Tennant was born in London, the eldest son of Colin Tennant who succeeded as 3rd Baron in 1983. His mother, Lady Glenconner, was lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret and the Princess always remained a close friend of the family. Charles spent a restless childhood moving between the family's various homes whether in London or Norfolk, in Peebleshire or the Caribbean island of Mustique which his father turned into a fashionable resort.

He was educated at Clifton College and at a coeducational progressive school, Frencham Heights, and, if his schooling was somewhat fitful, he had a sharp natural intelligence and a boyish curiosity. It was this, perhaps, which led to his first experiments with drugs. He was still a teenager, excited by Woodstock and the world of 1960s rock, when he started smoking marijuana and trying LSD. The mind-altering substances opened up a whole new world for him. If once he had nurtured military ambitions, he dropped them, he said, with his first tab of acid.

But the edgy paranoia which LSD so often causes led him towards opiates to calm his nerves. Heroin appeared almost as a challenge to the adventurous young man. It was the fix of the down-and-out desperado, he said. He was attracted by its extremity. At first he intended merely to enjoy himself for a while, to live out his youth to the full before settling down to his adult responsibilities.

But with a habit costing him upwards of £100 a day he was increasingly in trouble — though never in jail — even resorting once to stealing photographs of Princess Margaret from his mother's private album to sell them to the press. The proceeds were enough to buy him a "a quarter gram of gear", although the dealer who passed them on to the *Daily Mail* received £3,000. Tennant might never have been discovered as the culprit had suspicion not fallen on an innocent person, whereupon he promptly owned up. His mother later sued the paper for infringing her copyright and won substantial damages. She donated the proceeds to a charity helping recovering drug addicts.

For several years Tennant managed to keep some control on his addiction. In 1978 he helped to launch a fortnightly magazine called *Chelsea Scoop*, for which he interviewed Andy Warhol. He himself cut a familiar figure at this time, strolling down the King's Road, with his punky blond hair and jaunty smile. But as his addiction worsened he was driven into increasing despair. "I felt so lonely on heroin," he said. "I would wake up in the morning in bleak despair, but all I could do to make myself feel better was to take another fix."

With courageous honesty, Tennant fought to take responsibility for his life. He disparaged any notions propagated by the tabloid press that his family was "cursed" — one of his brothers, who was homosexual, died of Aids, the other was severely injured in a motorcycle accident in Belize. "What has happened to us has been caused by behaviour patterns and behaviour patterns can be broken," he bravely said. With the help of his wife, he fought to break the pattern of his own past and, although he had always thought of himself as an outsider, he settled down to live in a conventional flat in Edinburgh.

His wildness had always been tempered by a sense of tradition and he took a fierce pride in his ancestry. He hoped one day to take his seat in the House of Lords, to sit on the cross benches as a Liberal Democrat peer as his father had done before him. In this position of responsibility, he said, he would be able to work more effectively to help those who, like him, had fallen into addiction. He was also an ardent supporter of Friends of the Earth.

He is survived by his wife Sheilagh, by their son and by a stepson and stepdaughter.

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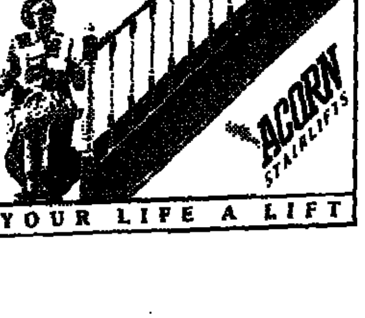

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## ON THIS DAY

### October 24, 1902

*The 19th century saw the rise of the music festival in many English cities — among them Norwich, Birmingham, Leeds and Sheffield. The emphasis was on choral music and every festival generally presented one new work. The programme at Norwich included first performances by Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Sir Charles Stanford.*

### NORWICH MUSICAL FESTIVAL

NORWICH, Oct. 23.

This morning's concert had the unusual merit of being only of moderate length, for the first part contained nothing but Beethoven's C Minor symphony, the second nothing but Verdi's *Requiem*. A good performance was given of the symphony, and the mass was sung and played with a degree of perfection most rare, even when, as here, conductor and soloists are in perfect sympathy with the style in which the work is written. It is difficult to imagine a better performance in any way, for Mr. Randegger was an intimate friend of Verdi, and is the happy possessor of a score in which the composer made sundry marks that differ from the printed version. Except a *crescendo* substituted for a *diminuendo* in the choral part of the lovely "Agnus," none of the alterations are of more than historical importance. To hear the solo parts sung as they were by Mme. Albani, Miss Ada Crossley, and Messrs. Ben Davies and Andrew Black was to receive a memorable lesson in the resources of the vocal art. In the present day too many of the younger singers are striving to obtain emotional or interpretative power by means of forcing their voices and transgressing at many points the rules and traditions that have been handed down by the singers of old time. At no point was the performance of the solo parts in St Andrew's-hall to-day less than exquisitely expressive, yet the standard of vocalization was throughout the very highest. Granted such conditions, the music speaks for itself, and most eloquently, to every sympathetic hearer. It is a truism to say that Mme. Albani's conception of the part is consummately artistic, and, even though her highest notes are not always taken as easily as in past years, she is still unapproachable in music that demands the fervour of devotion. The unaccompanied opening of "Agnus Dei" was a marvel of delicate singing in both voices, and the soprano's delivery of "Sed signifer Sanctus Michael" was thrilling in the intensity of its hope. No less excellent was Miss Crossley's phrasing of the lead in the "Lacrimosa," while Mr. Ben Davies in "Ingemisco" and Mr Black in "Mors stupebit" were admirably dramatic in exactly the right way. The performance was in all respects a memorable one.

In the course of an uncommonly miscellaneous concert to-night, which began with selections from several fine operas that have for the most part dropped out of the modern repertoire, a number of new works were given, all of which, in a programme more carefully arranged, would undoubtedly have made more success than they did. The first was a new "Irish rhapsody" by Sir Charles Stanford, consisting of two fine characteristic and well-contrasted tunes called respectively "Leatherbags Donnell," a spirited battle tune, and "Emer's Farewell to Cuchullin," an expressive strain in a gentler mood. The first is the main subject of the work, and returns after the second has been discussed, its rhythmical figure furnishing in combination with the second tune the material of the beautiful coda. It is, as might be expected, scored with all possible richness of effect, and is a typical and most successful example of the master's work.

# THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 1996

## NEWS

### Beef blamed for CJD deaths

■ Powerful evidence that "mad cow" disease has passed to humans through contaminated beef has been produced by a new biochemical test, scientists announced. The test shows that the new variant of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease which has been *diagnosed in 14 people is quite different from other versions* of the disease — but virtually identical to BSE.

While not formal proof that eating beef gave the victims the disease, the scientist who led the research said: "All lines of evidence converge on this conclusion"..........................**Page 1**

### Major offers action on stalking

■ John Major stunned the Commons by announcing that the Government would pilot through measures to tackle stalkers and child-sex offenders. The Prime Minister seized on an offer by Tony Blair to assist their speedy passage..... **Pages 1, 12, 13**

### Harding memorial

Chelsea football club is to name its new north stand in honour of its multi-millionaire vice-chairman Matthew Harding who was killed with four others in a helicopter crash................ **Pages 1, 3**

### Irish talks dispute

The British and Irish governments were at odds over plans to *include Sinn Fein in cross-party* Northern Ireland talks.....**Page 2**

### Smoking and memory

Scientists have shown that nicotine, the active ingredient in tobacco smoke, improves memory by stimulating the transmission of nerve impulses in the brain ....................................**Page 5**

### Father jailed

A judge who jailed a father for ten *years for brutalising his son said* a social services decision to place the boy with him "beggared belief"................................ **Page 6**

### School crisis

The Government will ask the Chief Inspector of Schools to send assessors into the Yorkshire school where teachers are threatening to strike unless 61 "unteachable" pupils are expelled ..**Page 7**

### Landowner's anguish

The owner of a country estate adjoining the Prince of Wales's home at Highgrove spoke of his anguish at having to sell the land, which has been in his family for almost 700 years...............**Page 8**

### Compensation cut

Three damages awards for personal injuries were cut by up to a third when the Court of Appeal ruled against a generous approach to compensation ...**Page 9**

### Death threat plea

A Roman Catholic mother whose family has suffered at the hands of loyalists issued a plea to the *IRA to stop making death threats* to her son .......................**Page 10**

### Dole dashes south

Bob Dole rushed south to shore up his crumbling support in Florida as President Clinton sought to administer the death blow to his opponent's campaign with a two-day rampage....................**Page 14**

### Lebed accused

Russian prosecutors have reportedly received documentary evidence showing that Aleksandr Lebed, the National Security Adviser, was plotting to overthrow the Government ............ **Page 15**

### Passport 'spy'

Members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council suggested that a former director of immigration, gave Peking the names of residents secretly holding British passports ........................ **Page 16**

### Afghan protest

Chanting women demonstrated in an Afghan city to protest against the antiquated strictures imposed by the radical Taleban militia on women........... **Page 17**

### Palace intrigued by royal footnote

■ The Queen was said to be intrigued after discovering that a 17th century painting in her collection shows a lady in a state of *undress with six toes on her right foot.* The 1663 painting by Jan Steen is on loan to the Rijksmusuem in Amsterdam where a sharp-eyed Dutch reporter noticed the sixth digit. "We had no idea about the extra toe," a royal aide said ......................**Page 1**

PHIL YEOMANS

Children enjoy autumn sun on Bournemouth beach yesterday as temperatures in the south of England equalled the Mediterranean

## BUSINESS

**Economy:** High street sales slipped back in September amid evidence that consumers are still resisting retailers' attempts to increase prices..................................**Page 25**

**British Gas:** Ofgas, the industry *regulator, has started an investigation* into Goldfish, the credit card launched in a blaze of publicity last month ................................**Page 25**

**Building societies:** More are expected to head for the stock*market after a long awaited bill* was dropped from the Queen's Speech.................................**Page 25**

**Markets:** The FT-SE 100 Index fell 28.8 points to close at 4028.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from *89.3* to *88.8 after a fall* from $1.5973 to $1.5964 and from DM2.4519 to DM2.4323 ....**Page 28**

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**Baseball:** New York Yankees *re*vive their hopes in the World Series, defeating Alanta Braves 5-2 to trail by only one game in the best-of-seven series.................... **Page 43**

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Nigel Williamson interviews Kate and Anna McGarrigle (left), the Canadian sisters touring Britain

■ INTERVIEW
Valerie Grove talks to the woman who leads Britain's magistrates

## THE PAPERS

The French Government will not fail to be delighted by the vast fiscal reform of which Chancellor Kohl's CDU party has just finalised the principles. It will be able to exploit the fact that the French and Germans are walking in step and are pursuing very similar objectives

— *Le Monde*

The Nicaraguans are afraid of returning to the days of the old commandants. The majority has rejected the *sandinismo* of Daniel Ortega and opted for Arnoldo Alemán of the country's coffee-growing oligarchy — *El Pais*, Madrid

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Much of the Government's programme of legislation is managerial and uncontentious. There will be a consensus for the majority of measures ............................ **Page 21**

### Nato Lite

The Alliance is perilously close to offering its new members a second class membership. If Nato insists on humiliating Russia by expanding, it should seek real gain on the other side of the balance by giving its defence guarantee the only true reassurance — a visible Alliance presence in the new member countries..............................**Page 21**

### School for Safari

Of all the threatened species, the most melancholy may be the disappearance of the big-game-hunting Empire-builder in his solar topi and Old Etonian tie. But on their customary Darwinian form, Etonians are about to become the wonder and envy of their contemporaries for their safaris on the Internet..............................**Page 21**

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### PETER RIDDELL

*If the Tories are to defy the polls and the bookies and win the election*, they will have to show what they would do with a record fifth term and what would be at risk under Labour. Yesterday's Queen's Speech set the tone for the pre-election campaign ............. **Page 20**

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*We have seen so much that we have* almost lost the capacity [illegible] be shocked. Victims with whom we might once have sympathised have become *negotiators* with the very media that harass them ... **Page 20**

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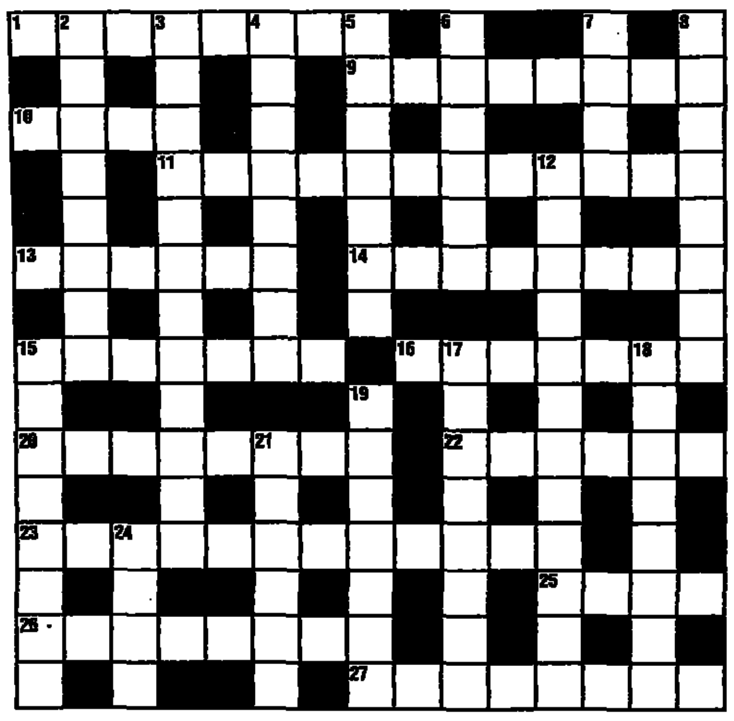

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14 Fools those in charge of broadcasting? (8).
15 Count, for example, on soldier returning to base (7).
16 Jazz fan with reason to audibly show disapproval (7).
20 Ravel composed new and elegant pieces (8).
22 Delicacy isn't commonly evident in its extremes (6).
23 Peg I'd finally knocked into ground (7,5).
25 Most willing to study (4).
26 Beats, taking queen in game (8).
27 Trouble with pieces of wood? This'll secure them (8).

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4 Passing exam, worker sometimes comes first (8).
5 Managed to scoff third of Brazil nuts fast (7).
6 Worry about getting raise in occupation (6).
7 Repeatedly cheat a stupid person (4).
8 Offer – to support, with love, a girl (8).
12 Issue raised after second match, perhaps (12).
15 Awkward experiment goes wrong without me (8).
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☐ **General**: England and Wales should be dry with sunny spells, but rain will reach Wales and western England by the afternoon and extend east later. Becoming breezy, but generally very warm.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have outbreaks of rain, some heavy, but eastern Scotland should stay mainly dry. Clearer weather may reach Northern Ireland by evening. Windy, but temperatures should be above average.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney:** Dry for most of the day with bright or sunny spells. Rain later. Wind southeasterly, moderate, becoming fresh to strong. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, NW England, Lake District:** Dry start, rain later. Wind southeasterly, fresh. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man:** Dry start, rain by midday but clearer weather expected later. Wind fresh to strong, southeasterly, turning southwesterly later. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** Dry at first but rain spreading from west. Wind southeasterly, fresh to strong. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Shetland:** Mainly dry, cloudy. Wind southeasterly, strong to gale force. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Ireland:** Rain, heavy at times. Clearer weather later. Wind southeasterly, fresh to strong, turning southerly. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** Sunny spells and showers, chiefly in North West. Cooler.

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | | | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
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| Aspatria | 3.3 | - | 19 | 66 | s | Littlehmptn | 9.0 | - | 16 | 61 | s |
| Aviemore | - | - | 16 | 61 | c | London | 8.6 | - | 21 | 70 | s |
| Belfast | 0.4 | 0.01 | 15 | 59 | du | Lowestoft | 7.2 | - | 15 | 59 | s |
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| Bognor R | 9.2 | - | 17 | 63 | s | Margate | 8.7 | - | 15 | 59 | s |
| Bournem'th | 7.7 | - | 18 | 64 | s | Minehead | 6.4 | - | 20 | 68 | s |
| Bristol | 6.9 | - | 19 | 66 | s | Morecambe | 7.8 | - | 20 | 68 | s |
| Buxton | 6.9 | - | 15 | 59 | s | Newcastle | 5.5 | - | 17 | 63 | b |
| Cardiff | 6.5 | 0.01 | 17 | 63 | s | Newquay | 3.6 | - | 15 | 59 | b |
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| Exmouth | 7.4 | 0.01 | 16 | 61 | s | Ross-o-wye | 7.2 | - | 18 | 64 | s |
| Falmouth | - | - | 14 | 57 | c | Salcombe | 8.2 | - | 17 | 63 | s |
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| Bahrain | 29 | 84 | f | Geneva | 13 | 55 | f | Munich | 12 | 54 | f | Tangier | 26 | 79 | s |
| Bangkok | 34 | 93 | f | Gibraltar | 20 | 68 | s | N Delhi | 29 | 84 | f | Tel Aviv | 26 | 79 | f |
| Barbados | 30 | 86 | s | Helsinki | 7 | 45 | c | N York | 16 | 61 | s | Tenerife | 31 | 88 | s |
| Barcelona | 22 | 72 | s | Hong K | 28 | 82 | f | Nairobi | 27 | 81 | f | Tokyo | 20 | 68 | s |
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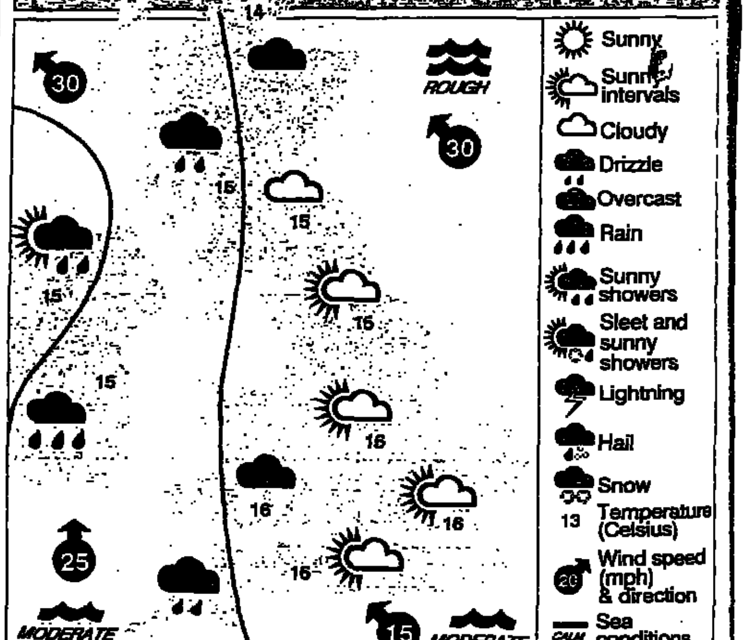

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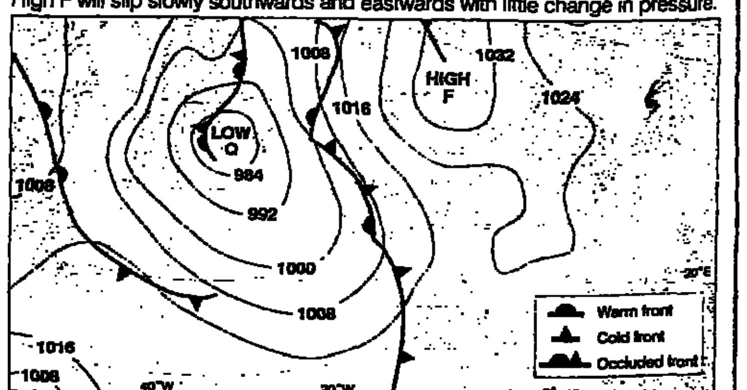

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| Aberdeen | 11:35 | 4.2 | 11·39 | 4.3 | Liverpool | 9·10 | 9.0 | 9·29 | 9.4 |
| Avonmouth | 5:01 | 12.3 | 5:25 | 13.0 | Lowestoft | 6·58 | 2.5 | 7·56 | 2.5 |
| Belfast | 9·03 | 3.4 | 9·19 | 3.6 | Margate | 9.51 | 4.6 | 10·32 | 4.8 |
| Cardiff | 4·49 | 12.0 | 5·15 | 12.0 | *Milford Haven* | 4·08 | 6.5 | 4·30 | 7.0 |
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| Falmouth | 3:02 | 5.0 | 3·24 | 5.0 | Portland | 4·35 | 1.9 | 4·54 | 2.0 |
| Greenock | 10·41 | 3.3 | 10·58 | 3.6 | Portsmouth | 9·15 | 4.7 | 9·35 | 4.7 |
| Harwich | 9:27 | 3.8 | 10·02 | 4.1 | Shoreham | 9·18 | 6.1 | 9·41 | 6.1 |
| Holyhead | 8:22 | 5.4 | 8·35 | 5.8 | Southampton | 8·42 | 4.6 | 9·03 | 4.6 |
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| Ilfracombe | 3·50 | 9.0 | 4·15 | 9.0 | Tees | 1·14 | 5.1 | 1.57 | 5. |
| King's Lynn | 3·55 | 6.0 | - | - | Walton-on-Naze | 9·26 | 4.1 | 10·02 | 4. |

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## HIGHEST & LOWEST

**Yesterday:** Highest day temp: Prestatyn, North Wales, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland Islands, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 0.12in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 9.8hr

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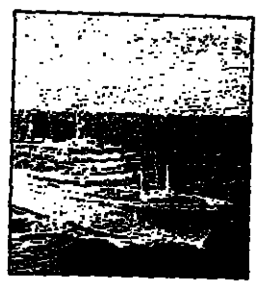

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 1996

# Cowie has Army's Challenger 2 tanks in its sights

By Paul Durman

THE money men are preparing to make an assault on Britain's battle tanks. Cowie Group, the Sunderland company best known as a car dealer, yesterday said it would be prepared to set up a £1 billion deal to buy all the Army's Challenger 2 tanks — and to lease them back for a monthly payment.

According to Cowie, there is fundamentally no difference between leasing a tank and a Ford Mondeo — a more familiar line of work for Cowie Interleasing. Robert Blower, a company spokesman, said: "It's perfectly possible. We would like to buy them off [the Ministry of Defence]. We could save them a lot of money."

Leasing Challenger 2s, which cost about £2.5 million each, would present some unusual problems. Selling tanks into the second-hand market at the end of the lease could cause a few political difficulties. And if a tank was lost in a battle with Saddam Hussein, it might be difficult to find someone willing to take repossession. But, a few contractual complexities apart, Cowie insists that its financial engineering skills are just as easily applied to tanks as to any other asset.

Cowie has just done a leasing deal with the MoD covering 1,400 trucks, tractors and other more specialist pieces of material handling equipment. Mr Blower said that although no formal discussions about tanks have taken place, the company has suggested extending the scope of the leasing deal. "The MoD are looking at all sorts of areas of operations," he said. "There are no 'no-go' areas. If they do want to lease battle tanks, we will be first in the queue."

An MoD spokesman agreed the Ministry had not ruled anything out — although leasing tanks was not something that it had looked at yet. The MoD has recently agreed a controversial £1.66 billion deal to sell 57,400 homes for military personnel to a consortium of financiers led by Nomura, the Japanese securities group.

The MoD has ordered 386 Challenger 2 tanks — enough for eight regiments.

Cowie said McDonnell Douglas, the American defence giants, and Lockheed are already talking to former Eastern bloc countries about the possibility of leasing them military aircraft.

Cowie can trace its origins back to the 1930s, when it began buying job lots of ex-Army motorbikes, which were then reconditioned and resprayed and sold to the public. Demand from the public slumped with the onset of the Second World War, but business boomed as the Army bought the reconditioned bikes with a fresh coat of khaki.

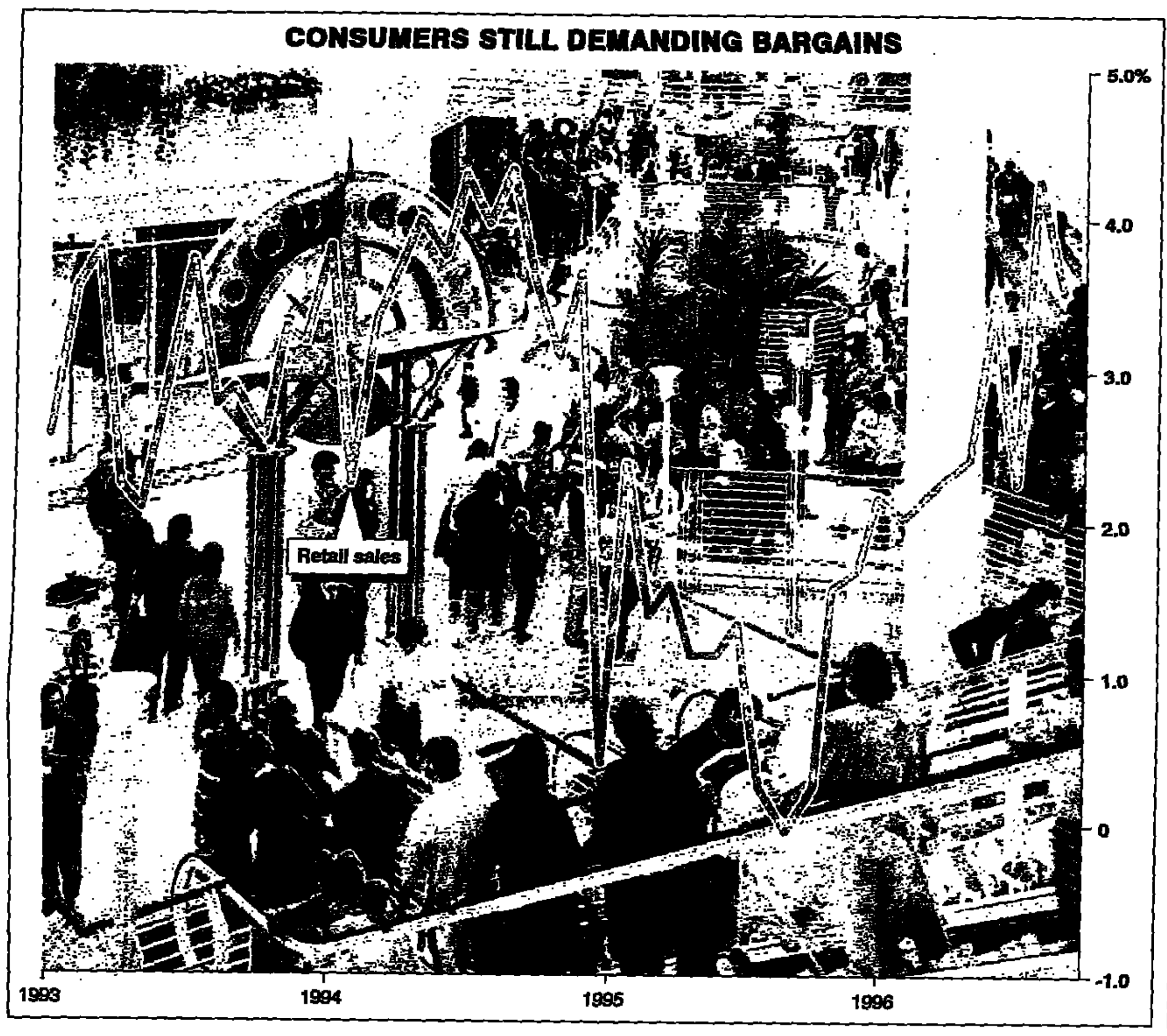
The group has become one of the country's largest bus operators through a series of acquisitions, including the £282 million purchase of British Bus in June and the £24.5 million purchase of North East Bus in August.

## Consumers still resisting stores' attempts to lift prices

# Rate rise less likely as retail sales slip

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

CONSUMERS STILL DEMANDING BARGAINS



HIGH STREET sales slipped back in September amid evidence that consumers are resisting retailers' attempts to increase prices.

Sales volumes fell by 0.3 per cent, compared with a 0.9 per cent increase in August, revised down from the 1 per cent reported previously, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Against a year ago, retail sales were up 3.5 per cent, compared with the year-on-year rise recorded in August of 4.3 per cent.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, gave the figures a positive interpretation, saying: "The fall in September sales followed a rise in August, and the two months together suggest conditions in the high street are bustling."

The latest figures suggest that, although consumer spending is on a steadily rising trend, there are few signs of a 1980s-style consumer boom and that there is considerable resistance to higher prices.

This combination is very good news for the Government and appears to strengthen the Chancellor's resistance to Bank of England calls for higher interest rates. Kenneth Clarke meets Eddie George, Governor of the Bank, next week for their monthly discussion on monetary policy.

Alex Garrard, of UBS, said that the retail sales news appeared to confirm the message of this week's industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, which was suggestive of a benign inflation environment and a less than explosive recovery in manufacturing.

Mr Garrard said that this economic evidence, coupled with sterling's relentless rise over recent weeks, should mean that the chances of a rate rise after next Wednesday's monetary meeting are fading fast.

The main reason for the fall in overall sales was a sharp 3 per cent decline in sales of clothing and footwear. This appeared to have been caused by a 5.2 per cent rise in prices in the month, the largest monthly rise since this statistical series began, in 1947.

In August, clothing and footwear sales rose by a hefty 2.5 per cent, and retailers were clearly confident enough to try to raise their margins the following month. However, as David Bloom, of HSBC James Capel put it, consumers continue to operate guerrilla tactics, refusing to buy at higher prices. "This type of price behaviour bodes well for the future," he said.

Household goods sales, which jumped by 2.6 per cent in August, fell back by 0.5 per cent. However, this category of sales is still 6.4 per cent higher than a year ago. This is about twice as fast as retail sales growth overall, a mark of the recovery in the housing market this year.

Food sales were up 0.5 per cent in September and 0.9 per cent higher than a year ago.

Government bonds rallied in response to the sales figures, which were weaker than the 0.1 per cent decline that the City had expected. Short sterling futures, a good guide to interest rate expectations, also rallied as the chance of a rate rise receded somewhat. However, gilts then fell, along with other European bond markets, after Otmar Issing, chief economist of the Bundesbank, ruled out any further German rate cuts.

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# Harding's death may force float

By Jason Nissé

BENFIELD GROUP may be forced into a stock market flotation as a result of the death of Matthew Harding, its chairman. Such a move could value the insurance group as high as £700 million.

The flotation could be prompted by the executors of Mr Harding's will, who will control his 33 per cent stake and may look to realise it in the interests of Mr Harding's beneficiaries.

An adviser to Mr Harding said that Benfield had been considering whether it might want to float in the next couple of years and that the possible sale of the stake could hasten the process.

Benfield has three businesses — reinsurance broking, of which Mr Harding was one of 18 directors; underwriting; and financial services, which has a holding in the Benfield & Rea Investment Trust. George Soros, the investor, yesterday declared a 3.7 per cent stake in Benfield & Rea.

Tony Burridge, another Benfield executive, also died in the helicopter accident.

A spokesman for the company said the directors were too shocked by the news to consider the group's future.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

| STOCK MARKET INDICES | | |
|---|---|---|
| FTSE 100 | 4028.4 | (-28.8) |
| Yield | 3.89% | |
| FTSE All share | 1976.34 | (-12.66) |
| Nikkei | 21082.15 | (-41.53) |
| New York: | | |
| Dow Jones | 5995.09 | (-66.71)* |
| S&P Composite | 701.14 | (-5.43)* |
| **US RATE** | | |
| Federal Funds | 5¼%* | (5¼%) |
| Long Bond | 98¹⁷⁄₃₂* | (98²²⁄₃₂) |
| Yield | 6.87%* | (6.85%) |
| **LONDON MONEY** | | |
| 3-mth Interbank | 6% | (6%) |
| Liffe long gilt future (Dec) | 109²⁵⁄₃₂ | (110¹⁄₁₆) |
| **STERLING** | | |
| New York: | | |
| $ | 1.5970* | (1.5992) |
| London: | | |
| $ | 1.5964 | (1.5975) |
| DM | 2.4319 | (2.4520) |
| FFr | 8.2211 | (8.2875) |
| SFr | 2.0028 | (2.0210) |
| Yen | 180.42 | (180.34) |
| £ Index | 88.6 | (89.3) |
| **DOLLAR** | | |
| London: | | |
| DM | 1.5227* | (1.5255) |
| FFr | 5.1455* | (5.1505) |
| SFr | 1.2547* | (1.2530) |
| Yen | 112.96* | (112.30) |
| $ Index | 97.4 | (97.6) |
| Tokyo close Yen 112.74 | | |
| **NORTH SEA OIL** | | |
| Brent 15-day (Jan) | $23.50 | ($24.00) |
| **GOLD** | | |
| London close | $383.55 | ($383.65) |

* denotes midday trading price

### Betting plea

The betting industry is to step up its demands for a cut in duty on gambling after yesterday's decision by Oflot, the National Lottery regulator, to allow the launch by Camelot of a £4 million midweek draw.
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### WPP fall

A fall in the WPP share price wiped out prospects of an early Christmas bonus for Martin Sorrell, the chief executive.
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# Loss of Bill may spur more societies to aim for market

By Sara McConnell

MORE building societies are expected to head for the stock market after a long awaited Building Societies Bill was dropped from the Queen's Speech yesterday.

The Bill would have freed mutual building societies from much of the red tape constraining their activities. But now even keen supporters of mutuality may choose to convert to public companies.

Angela Knight, the Economic Secretary, vowed last night to publish a revised Bill incorporating changes made in consultation with the industry and regulators. She is expected to negotiate with parliamentary managers for a half-day debate in an attempt to push the Bill through. In a speech to intermediary mortgage lenders last night she said such a move would "only be possible if the Bill in its revised form is seen to be uncontentious and, of course, if that window appears".

The Treasury said that there was a real danger that more societies would convert to public companies if the legislative framework governing them was not changed.

Building societies want the revised Bill to include measures to protect mutuals from predatory takeover bids from newly converted societies in the early years.

They also want a clearer definition of the "two-year" rule under which only members of two years' standing can receive cash bonuses or variable distributions of shares on a takeover.

The Halifax Building Society will today outline further details of its flotation plans through the Stock Exchange, including the timetable for conversion and share dealing.

Members will be contacted next month and told what the balances of their accounts were on November 1994, the first of two qualifying dates for calculating bonus payouts. The second date will be the date of the special meeting.

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# Ofgas investigates the Goldfish card

By Caroline Merrell

OFGAS, the gas regulator, has started an investigation into Goldfish, the British Gas credit card launched in a blaze of publicity last month.

The regulator says it has received a number of complaints about the card, which have been passed on to British Gas. Ofgas plans to issue a consultation document on the issue in a few days, seeking views from interested parties. Any investigation by the regulator could eventually lead to its withdrawal.

A British Gas spokesman said: "It really is not a loyalty card. It is offered by a company outside British Gas. We are only a partner in that company. We are not using the British Gas database to get people to sign up. Customers are not sent details of the card with their gas bill."

Goldfish is currently being marketed through a £10 million advertising campaign featuring Billy Connolly.

Goldbrand Development, the joint venture company offering the card, is adamant that the Goldfish does not come under Ofgas control. Martin Rutland, Goldbrand Development spokesman, said: "The company is partly owned by HFC Bank, which is regulated by the Bank of England."

Cardholders can build up points which can be used to get a discount on their gas bills. One pound spent on the card equals one point, 100 points will give £1 off the bill.

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# Berlusconi bid to block SFO transfer fails

By Paul Durman

SILVIO BERLUSCONI, the former Italian Prime Minister who is accused of taking part in a £51 million fraud, yesterday failed to block the transfer to Italy of documents seized from a London office.

The Serious Fraud Office, which took possession of 15 bundles of documents on behalf of the Italian authorities, hopes to be able to despatch tomorrow any papers relevant to the inquiry in Italy. Lawyers acting for Signor Berlusconi and his company Fininvest will also make a last-ditch attempt tomorrow to mount an appeal to the House of Lords.

The papers came from the Regent Street offices of CMM Corporate Services, a company believed to have key information about the illegal political payments Signor Berlusconi is alleged to have made using Fininvest's money. CMM is ultimately owned by the Union Bank of Switzerland.

Signor Berlusconi and Fininvest, which has wide interests in television and publishing, had sought to challenge the legitimacy of the SFO search of CMM's premises and of its intention to hand over information. If successful, this would have been a serious blow to the SFO's "section 2" powers that allow it to assist in the investigation of overseas fraud cases.

Lord Justice Simon Brown, sitting with Mr Justice Gage, rejected the suggestion that the SFO raid amounted to a fishing expedition, saying that the request for help from the Italian authorities was "as precise and focused as [it] could sensibly be".

Signor Berlusconi's lawyer asked the judges to certify that their rulings constituted points of law of general public importance — a move that would open the way to an appeal.

But although he granted tomorrow's hearing, Lord Justice Brown made it clear that he had little sympathy for this argument.

# Construction recovery signalled by surveyors

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

CONSTRUCTION has shifted out of recession and is showing solid recovery, according to workload levels among chartered surveyors in the sector.

Trends seen in the workloads and expectations of chartered surveyors are taken as reliable indicators of future patterns because they are involved in the initial stages of construction projects.

However, the third-quarter survey from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is tempered with caution. The report comments on the 1.4 per cent increase in workload over the previous three months: "The long-awaited recovery remains on course, but nobody is predicting a boom, and the mood is sober." The year-on-year figure is static.

The recovery taking shape has so far been fuelled largely by a substantial upturn in private commercial property which has been triggered by the retail market, the growth in the leisure industry and an increased demand for higher quality office space.

Hampering a further improvement in construction recovery is a still-sluggish housing market where slow housebuilding has been impeded by some planning hold-ups. The report also highlights low government spending and the "lacklustre performance" of the Private Finance Initiative as putting a further brake on construction.

Richard Houghton, RICS construction industry spokesman, said: "There can be little doubt that growth is being powered mainly by the private sector. When a number of building projects, both large and small, get under way next year, and Millennium Fund and other National Lottery initiatives start to come on stream, new orders and employment levels will increase.

Geographically, the picture is mixed. The greatest increase in workload came in the Midlands and East Anglia at 5.5 per cent, while London and the South East experienced a 1.1 per cent rise. It fell 0.3 per cent in the North of England, 1 per cent in Wales and the South West, and 1.8 per cent in Northern Ireland. Scotland saw a decrease of 4.5 per cent as local government reorganisation led to delays in local authority building projects.

Workload expectations from chartered surveyors for next year are static, with a net balance of 30 per cent predicting extra orders, a figure unchanged from the previous quarter. The net balance of those expecting increased employment levels is also unchanged at 13 per cent.

Employment forecasts have been curbed by uncertainty among smaller organisations and a rationalisation in bigger companies, the report said.

☐ The British construction industry is unlikely to see notable real growth over the next five years and continues to underperform the industrial average for return on capital, according to a survey published yesterday by The Coba Group, the consultancy.

### TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
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| Australia $ | 2.10 | 1.94 |
| Austria Sch | 18.13 | 16.63 |
| Belgium Fr | 53.15 | 48.65 |
| Canada $ | 2.255 | 2.095 |
| Cyprus Cyp£ | 0.7742 | 0.7192 |
| Denmark Kr | 9.90 | 9.10 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.88 | 7.23 |
| France Fr | 8.64 | 7.99 |
| Germany Dm | 2.589 | 2.379 |
| Greece Dr | 397 | 372 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.98 | 11.98 |
| Iceland | 115 | 95 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.043 | 0.963 |
| Israel Shk | 5.48 | 4.83 |
| Italy Lira | 2548 | 2393 |
| Japan Yen | 194.10 | 178.10 |
| Malta | 0.616 | 0.561 |
| Netherlds Gld | 2.883 | 2.653 |
| New Zealand $ | 2.40 | 2.18 |
| Norway Kr | 10.88 | 10.08 |
| Portugal Esc | 256.50 | 238.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 7.87 | 7.07 |
| Spain Pta | 211.50 | 198.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.15 | 10.35 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.134 | 1.964 |
| Turkey Lira | 155000 | 147000 |
| USA $ | 1.695 | 1.565 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

A National Lottery midweek draw is opposed by bookmakers, who say it will further tilt the playing field against them

# NatWest targets high-flyers with Advantage account

By Marianne Curphey

NATWEST is to launch a new "top tier" bank account for high-flyers who are prepared to pay £150 a year to enjoy the services of a personal bank manager, free travel insurance, discounted meals and theatre tickets.

The bank denied that this signalled the end of free personal banking.

The new current account, to be known as NatWest Advantage Banking Premier, is aimed at new and existing customers. Some of NatWest's 6.5 million existing customers will be encouraged to switch from the bank's current charged-for account, the £85-a-year Gold Plus service, into Advantage. Gold Plus currently has more than 100,000 subscribers, all of whom earn more than £25,000 a year.

The new service is similar in concept to the Barclays Additions account. For a charge of £60 a year, Barclays customers receive free overdraft, life cover, and medical insurance.

Midland Bank and Abbey National have said they have no plans for make charges on accounts in credit.

David McLean, head of personal banking services, said: "In all walks of life people are proving more selective about the services they want. Many of our customers lead extremely busy lives, which this programme recognises by providing a menu of benefits which can be accessed through a telephone call so avoiding the need to shop around."

# Norfolk bids $8.1bn for Conrail

From Richard Thomson in New York

ONE of America's largest takeovers this year has turned into a two-way fight as Norfolk Southern topped the multibillion-dollar offer by CSX for Conrail, the largest railway company in the North East. If either bid proceeds, it will create the third largest railway group in the US.

Norfolk is offering $8.1 billion in a cash bid worth $100 per share. CSX's cash and shares offer, launched last week, was originally worth $8.4 billion but a fall in the company's share price has reduced its value to around $7.2 billion, or $81.51 per share.

Norfolk, a rail company based in Virginia and concentrated in the southern states, said that it had been negotiating for a deal with Conrail for months but had been snubbed by the company. When Conrail agreed to accept the CSX bid, Norfolk decided to step in with its own offer.

A combination of Norfolk and Conrail would create a powerful rail system in the South, East and Midwest with about 25,000 miles of track, 5,000 more than a CSX-Conrail combination.

# Extra lottery spurs plea for duty cut

By Sarah Cunningham

THE BETTING industry is to step up its demands for a cut in duty on gambling after yesterday's decision by Oflot, the National Lottery regulator, to allow the launch of a £4 million midweek draw.

Tom Kelly, director-general of the Betting Office Licensees Association (Bola), which represents more than half of bookmakers, including big groups such as Ladbroke, said the midweek draw, likely to start next year, was "very unwelcome". He added: "The industry has already been badly affected by the weekly lottery."

Industry profits fell by 32 per cent last year, he said, and nearly 500 bookmakers shut, taking 3,400 jobs with them.

William Hill, the bookmaker, said: "We don't have a level playing field and [a midweek lottery] tilts the playing field even more in their favour."

The Chancellor last year announced a 1 per cent cut in betting duty, to 5.75 per cent, in recognition that the lottery had hit the betting industry. Until yesterday, Bola had intended to seek a further 1.25 per cent cut in next month's Budget, but it is now likely to seek a bigger cut, it said.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Concern as offshore accidents increase

THE number of serious accidents and fatalities offshore has increased in the past year, highlighting the need for further improvements in safety ordered after the Piper Alpha disaster. New Health and Safety Executive figures show that North Sea accidents increased from around 150 per 100,000 oil workers in 1994-95 to 162 in the past year. Roderick Allison, chief executive of the HSE Offshore Safety Division, said the number of deaths had fallen significantly since the early 1990s, reflecting safety measures in the wake of the Piper Alpha disaster. He said: "The 1995-96 figures show an upturn. That gives us food for thought — we are going to have to make further progress. There is further work to do."

The HSE's annual report, published yesterday, says the total number of workplace deaths was unchanged at 272 in the latest year. The fatal accident rate for the total workforce remains at 1.1 per 100,000 workers, while the fatal accident rate for the self-employed has fallen substantially to 1.6 per 100,000 workers from 2.5 previously. Fatal injuries and major ones, such as amputations or severe burns, have fallen to their lowest level in five years.

# Sunbeam fades to red

SUNBEAM CORP, the ailing American domestic appliance manufacturer, reported a loss for the third quarter, its first downturn since going public in 1992, and announced restructuring plans. The company lost $28.7 million ($15 million profit) in the three months to the end of September. Sales were down 2 per cent, at $244.9 million. Sunbeam, which has a workforce of 12,000 and annual sales of $1 billion, has seen its profits dwindle in recent years because of shrinking profit margins and high costs.

# BA's French partner

BRITISH AIRWAYS has joined forces with Groupe Rivaud, the French bank, to bid for Air Liberté, the ailing regional airline. If the bid succeeds, BA would have a 70 per cent holing and Rivaud 30 per cent. Rivaud, headed by industrialist Vincent Bollore, had originally been part of a consortium of travel groups Nouvelles Frontieres, Club Mediterannee and airline Royal Air Maroc. Air Liberté went into administration on September 26 with debts in the region of Ffr1.5 billion.

# Smiths buys Leland

SMITHS INDUSTRIES is acquiring Leland Electrosystems, an American manufacturer of in-flight power generators, for $30 million, strengthening its position in the supply of aircraft avionics. The acquisition is the largest by Smiths in the avionics sector since 1987 and will allow the company to offer power generation equipment and its own aircraft computer systems. Leland's devices are used in more than 12,000 aircraft from the Stealth bomber to the Boeing 777. It has an order for 1,000 of the new US Air Force's F18 fighter.

# US chiefs paid most

BRITISH chief executives earn an average £319,604 a year, placing the UK tenth out of 22 countries in a worldwide pay survey by Towers Perrin, the human resources consultancy. Those in France and Germany receive £380,903 and £321,414 respectively. US chief executives are still the best paid , with total remuneration of £566,212. The survey claims UK chief executives, though not the highest paid, have the highest purchasing power in Europe. However, European purchasing power has fallen sharply in comparison with America since 1995.

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# Music industry hits a flat note

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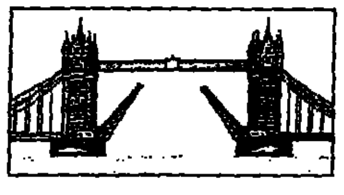

☐ A CERTAIN record company once took over the career of a struggling singer, whose records were respectfully reviewed in all the right places before selling a few thousand copies at best. The artist was known in the trade to be barking mad, but he had good looks and a cult following.

The label sent him around the country on tour for a few years, put him on the front of the pop mags and released five or six albums, each to widespread indifference. By the time that executives lost patience, the star, by now visibly crazier, had cost the record company, in studio time, promotion, the lot, upwards of a million pounds.

The economics of music, particularly at the pop end, make the National Lottery seem a sensible investment prospect. The safest tactic is an investment trust approach, putting as many untried artists under one roof as possible, even if the risk attaching to each individually might make even Peter Young blench.

This is why there are five big record conglomerates now, making their living mainly from a clutch of megastars apiece, from their back catalogues, and from buying up small independent companies that are better at spotting new talent.

One of those conglomerates is PolyGram, which upset a second, Britain's EMI, yesterday with a profits warning. PolyGram's message was that people are not spending as much as they used to. Music companies previously tended to disguise such downturns by blaming erratic deliveries from their best-sellers — X fell off his motorbike, Y's album fell victim to his drug problem and missed the financial year end. Industry figures show slight rises in sales globally during the first half of the year, but well off the massive increases enjoyed in 1995 and, particularly, 1994. Several leisure analysts in the City have been wondering whether the pre-Christmas rush, which accounts for 40 per cent of total music sales, might not be too hot.

EMI shares have been subsiding since the company was demerged fom Thorn two months ago. The demerger was seen as a way of allowing EMI to be bid for, and the absence of action has discouraged speculators. Any slowdown in music sales would have a limited impact, perversely, because as much as half EMI profits come from publishing rights: should you wish to use, as many have, the Troggs' *Wild Thing* in a commercial, you pay EMI a rake-off. This might make the company more attractive to a predator whose profits were based purely on recorded music.

There are any number of reasons for sluggish sales. Back catalogue has largely been recycled onto compact disc, and there are few hot properties left in the vaults. There is the rise of computer games, CD-Roms and other diversions. In recent years, no world conquerors have emerged in the Dire Straits or Michael Jackson league. It could even have something to do with the quality of the product.

## Ideal combination for the Chancellor

☐ ECONOMISTS have firmly identified a hitherto unsuspected pattern in consumer spending. Put prices up, and people stay out of the shops. Odd examples of this link had been rumoured as the economy has recovered over the past couple of years. However, yesterday's retail sales figures clinched it, and who knows, Nobel Prizes may now beckon. September saw the fastest rise in prices of clothing and footwear since records began in 1947; it also saw a 3 per cent decline in sales of such items.

Retailers had been desperate to escape the permanent sale culture that has become a feature on the high street. August is a sales month; people are either on holiday or too hot to shop, and need tempting. In September, the stores saw their chance. It is too early to make firm deductions on monthly statistics; clothing is a deferrable purchase, and it will take a few more weeks or months of the war of nerves between shopper and shop assistant before we can tell which has won.

In any event, prices for clothing and footwear are still lower than they were a year ago. There was nothing to threaten the outlook on inflation in the retail sales figures, the industrial trends survey published by the CBI on Tuesday or the retail price index numbers that were issued last week. Food sales were rising at their highest rate since January, but this is itself most likely to be a result of the trend towards lower food prices.

The housing recovery may be patchy, but it is still having its impact on negative equity. There are windfalls from building societies and the Norwich Union still to come to boost spending. It looks like the ideal combination, for the Chancellor, if not for the shopkeeper, sustainable retail sales growth of approaching 4 per cent, but a lid on prices, the rise in the value of sterling keeping industry's costs low. The odds must be lengthening fast on a base rate rise ahead of the election next spring.

The chances of one after next Wednesday's meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England must be negligible — far worse than the odds on the Conservatives winning the next election, at least on the evidence from the latest opinion polls.

## Free banking not dead but moribund

☐ NATWEST has launched a super new product, an account which you put your money into every month, withdraw it as and when you need it, and which comes with the added benefit of . . . a BANK MANAGER!

Many of NatWest's customers probably already think they have a bank manager thrown in with their existing accounts, provided free of charge unlike the new service, which costs £150 a year.

(Incidentally, if you think banking is free, try this simple sum. Halve your regular salary cheque; this is the average amount in your account over the month, if you spend as you earn. Work out how much this is worth invested on the money markets at the 6 per cent plus the bank gets. This is the bank's take ahead of any charges).

The NatWest's admission that easy access to a personal bank manager will in future be a luxury makes its own point. Most day-to-day decisions are now made for customers by inexperienced staff applying set guidelines by rote. Free banking is not dead; accounts will continue to be operated for free, but the standard of service will fall. The new account with its tacky "lifestyle benefits" merely recalls the last time the banks tried to segment the market, those dreary yuppie accounts with names like Vector that died the death with the end of the 1980s.

It does offer one "financial benefit": special access to NatWest's financial service advisers who will sell you Peps and insurance. Such access is already quite easy; getting rid of them may prove more difficult.

## Knock-on effect

☐ A THOUGHT occurs. By necessity left out of the Queen's Speech yesterday was the Building Societies Bill, which would have given societies freer access to capital markets. The Bill is now all but dead, and a few societies may, as a result, choose to convert into plcs, or be bought by the same, so putting a few bob, potentially, into the hands of hundreds of thousands more people, which would do no harm to the "feel-good" factor.

# WPP rise fails to prevent loss of Sorrell bonus

By Fraser Nelson

THE worldwide advance of WPP, the advertising company, continued in the third quarter of the year as a series of new orders helped the company's revenues advance 11 per cent to £1.24 billion over the nine months to September 30.

That result still left some of the more optimistic investors disappointed and shares in the group fell 8p yesterday, closing at 130p. One analyst downgraded its year-end profit forecast, from £155 million to £150 million.

The fall in the share price wiped out prospects of an early Christmas bonus for Martin Sorrell, the chief executive of WPP. Under his share incentive scheme, he was on course to pick up 1.6 million free shares — worth more than £5 million — on December 20 if their price had stayed above 230p for 60 trading days.

Mr Sorrell, who gained 1.17 million free shares under the first tranche last month, will now not realise his second bonus until next year.

Activities in America contributed most of WPP's sales growth in the third quarter. The figures were boosted by an increase in advertising prices that was rien by the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Mr Sorrell said that the effect of the centennial games had been better than expected, helping sales in North America to grow 16 per cent, to £521 million, in the first nine months of the year.

Analysts forecast that sales will rise further in the run-up to the US presidential election in response to greater demand for television advertising space.

Sales growth in continental Europe slowed in the third quarter, where revenues were only 2.5 per cent ahead, at £77.2 million. Trading in the UK was strong, with particular gains in the PR and Market Research division. Sales in Latin America were hit by difficulties in Venezuela, Brazil and Argentina.

The sharpest growth was provided by WPP's specialist communications division, whose sales jumped 11 per cent, to £94.4 million, in the third quarter. The company said this had mainly been helped by the success of its Healthcare operations, with demand especially strong in the UK.

Overall, new billings worth £324 million were won in the quarter, bringing the nine-month total to £911 million. As the company concentrated on organic growth, its debt fell to £164 million, against £240 million last time.

Mr Sorrell said that while the dollar had been strong over the period, this had left a minimal effect on its results. On an underlying basis, revenue growth over the nine months was 9.2 per cent.

Analysts said that if WPP could bring its debt below the £100 million mark, and it stayed off the acquisition trail, then it seemed likely that it would deploy some of its extra liquidity share buy-back or a special dividend.

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# CU sales worldwide rise by 23%

COMMERCIAL Union has announced that its worldwide new business has risen by almost one quarter since the beginning of the year (Marianne Curphey writes).

Internationally, new life, pensions and investment sales grew 23 per cent, to £2.2 billion, over the nine months to September 30. New annual premiums rose 31 per cent, to £193 million; new single premiums were 15 per cent higher, at £1.8 million, and sales of investment products grew from £87 million to £212 million.

In the United Kingdom new annual premiums had increased by 24 per cent, to £36 million, benefiting from higher sales of personal and company pension arrangements, which doubled to £18 million.

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# Outsider appointed as heir apparent at AT&T

From Richard Thomson
in New York

AT&T, the US telecommunications company, surprised Wall Street yesterday with the appointment of John Walter as chief executive officer and heir apparent to Robert Allen as chairman.

Mr Walter, who is set to become arguably the most powerful figure in the world telecommunications industry, has no direct experience of working in the sector. He joins from RR Donnelley, the world's largest printing group.

The AT&T appointment was the subject of intense stock market speculation after Alex Mandl unexpectedly resigned from the job in August to run a small start-up wireless company. This left Mr Allen, who is due to retire in 1998, without a successor at a time when the US telecoms industry is in turmoil, with deregulation enabling unprecedented competition in phone services.

Allen: successor chosen

Mr Walter is credited with converting RR Donnelley from a sleepy old-style printer into a diversfied data base company with interests in magazines and book printing, software and on-line services. He joined the company as a trainee in 1969 and become chairman in 1989.

He coined the word "repurposing" to describe the way printing companies can repackage and sell information in a variety of ways instead of using it just once. Mr Walter describes Donnelley as a "customer-focused marketing services company".

Deregulation of the phone industry, enabling long distance and local phone companies to compete in each other's markets, generated new competition which is eating into AT&T's traditonal customer base. Last month AT&T reported a 12 per cent drop in third-quarter earnings and warned investors that future earnings were likely to be weaker. Some analysts believe that the poor performance may force Mr Allen, 61, to retire early, which would leave Mr Walter in sole charge soon after his arrival.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Ashley Lewis, left, Limelight finance director, with Stephen Cotter, chief executive, yesterday

# Limelight to float with £175m value

By Sarah Cunningham

SHARES of Limelight will be priced at between 175p and 190p, valuing the manufacturer and retailer of kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms at between £175 million and £190 million when it floats on the stock market next month.

The company also predicted pro forma profits before exceptionals and tax would be not less than £15.8 million for the year to December 31. It will take a one-off charge of just under £1.5 million for the relocation of a factory.

Limelight plans to place the bulk of the shares with institutional investors and offer some shares to staff and to intermediaries. Dealings are due to start on November 15.

Managers own 56 per cent of the company, including the near 50 per cent holding of Stephen Boler, the former chief executive, who can expect to receive around £50 million from the flotation.

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# Mystery predator stalks Westpac

From Rachel Bridge in Sydney

WESTPAC, the Australian bank, could be the takeover target of a foreign bank after a surprise A$130 million (£65 million) swoop on its preference shares.

More than 15 million Westpac shares were snapped up in a two-day buying spree at a price of A$8.50 each as the mystery raider amassed a 19 per cent interest in the preference stock.

Lloyds TSB, HSBC Holdings and ABN Amro of The Netherlands are all known to be interested in building a presence in the Australian banking sector. National Australia Bank has also indicated interest in bidding for a rival.

The preference share swoop, which was carried out by Bankers Trust Australia, comes as Australia prepares for a shake-up of its banking sector in the wake of a government-backed inquiry expected to relax the current restrictions on banking takeovers and mergers.

Banking analysts said yesterday that a predator would need to offer at least 2.5 times Westpac's net tangible assets to secure the board's backing for a bid, which would value the bank at A$18 billion, or A$9.50 a share. Westpac shares rose eight cents to A$6.83 in heavy trading yesterday after a 17 cent rise the previous day.

Westpac has a 16 per cent share of the Australian banking market. National Australia Bank has 19 per cent and the Commonwealth Bank 17 per cent. Earlier this month, Advance Bank and St George, two regional banks, announced a A$2.65 billion merger to create the country's fifth-biggest bank.

# PolyGram unveils £60m restructuring

By Oliver August

POLYGRAM yesterday raised the prospect of a protracted period of stagnation in the music industry when it announced a £60 million restructuring in response to sluggish market conditions (See Pennington, this page).

PolyGram, whose shares fell by 7 per cent on the Amsterdam bourse, is to axe 400 jobs worldwide. It said that music sales were also lower than expected because of internal problems.

In London, EMI shares closed down 23½p, at £12.56½, after downgrading of market-makers' forecasts for music companies and record labels.

PolyGram investors must now expect a second year of flat profit growth. In 1995 PolyGram posted a net profit of £300 million, almost unchanged from 1994.

Its restructuring plan will involve the rejuvenation of Motown, the black US pop label acquired in 1993, the classical music division and distribution and marketing operations in Europe.

Analysts said that the sluggish market conditions could mean that PolyGram needed to restructure itself further in order to improve earnings.

Yesterday's announcement came 24 hours ahead of third-quarter results from Philips, PolyGram's parent company, which is also undergoing a difficult restructuring.

However, analysts said they saw no reason to change earnings forecasts for Philips. Analysts expect its third-quarter net profit from ordinary operations to drop to between 240 million guilders (£87 million) and 360 million guilders, far below the equivalent 1995 figure of 539 million guilders.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

# BSkyB shares pull back as speculation cools

Christopher Norland and Anne Bruh, managing director, right, of Frank Usher, with model. Orders and shares rose

SHARES in **BSkyB**, the satellite broadcaster, tumbled 42½p to 636p after further reflection of the proposed merger between Cable and Wireless and Videotron, Nynex CableComms and Bell Cablemedia, the cable operators.

It was also announced that a joint promotion by BSkyB with BT had been blocked by the telecoms industry regulator. Oftel said the promotion, which offered a range of savings to BSkyB customers, was outside the terms of BT's licence.

Only last week, BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, had been scaling new heights, coming within a whisker of 700p. But intense speculation, later denied, that it planned to bid for Pearson, publisher of the *Financial Times*, saw the rot set in on Monday. Société Generale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, has also turned cautious.

**Cable and Wireless** continued to build on news of this week's merger proposals, rising 4p to 471p, with several brokers speaking out in favour of the deal. Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, said C&W had pulled off a brilliant strategic coup, with its Mercury telecom division set to enjoy a new lease of life. There were also positive comments on the group from rival brokers Panmure Gordon and Kleinwort Benson. Société Generale has also switched its loyalties to C&W.

The rest of the equity market gave up further ground, undermined by another sharp opening fall in New York. At one stage, the Dow Jones average was down more than 67 points.

The latest retail sales figures for September made little impact. Instead sentiment was affected by comments from the Bundesbank, indicating there was unlikely to be any further cuts in German interest rates.

The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 40 points at one stage, eventually closed 28.8 points lower at 4,028.4. Trading conditions remained thin with fewer than 700 million shares changing hands.

**ICI** lost 6p at 775½p ahead of third-quarter figures today expected to show a hefty drop in pre-tax profits.

**Standard Chartered**, the international banking group, dropped a further 8p to 646½p, reflecting recent profit downgradings by brokers. **Abbey National** firmed 1p to 601½p despite SBC Warburg cutting its profit forecast for the current year by £60 million to £1.16 billion. It still rates the shares a "buy".

Shares of AIM-listed **Chelsea Village**, owner of the Premiership club, fell 4p to 85½p on learning of the death of Matthew Harding, deputy chairman and 25 per cent shareholder. Earlier this year Harding injected £10 million into the club with the purchase of 19 million shares. Plans were afoot for further cash injections.

The introduction of a midweek national lottery by the organisers Camelot early next year provided further misery for the bookies, which are continuing to lose business. **Ladbroke** fell 5½p to 199½p, while **Bass**, which owns Coral, ended 7½p cheaper at 779½p.

A profits warning from its Dutch rival PolyGram took some of the shine off **EMI Group's** share price. It lost 23½p and closed at £12.56½p. But brokers appeared unperturbed about the outlook for EMI. They said PolyGram's problems stemmed from an uninspiring set of new releases. Jason Crisp, analyst at Société Generale Strauss Turnbull, said he will be sticking with his current forecast of £430 million.

**WPP**, the advertising agency headed by Martin Sorrell, fell 8p to 230p despite an upbeat trading statement which revealed an 11 per cent increase in revenues during the first nine months of the year. Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of £150 million for the year.

**Frank Usher**, the ball gowns group, rose 8p to 173p after an upbeat annual meeting. Christopher Norland, chairman, told shareholders that orders for sales during the second half had been strong. He reminded them that first-half profits would be lower than last year, but expected any shortfall to be made up in the second half.

**Bakyrchik Gold** retreated 15p to 197½p after it was revealed that a stake held by one of the funds controlled by financier George Soros had dropped below the 3 per cent disclosure level. But the company rushed out a statement clarifying that the 1.08 million shares, or 3.48 per cent of the issued share capital, had been merely diluted by an issue of shares. The price has fallen from a peak of 590p in May.

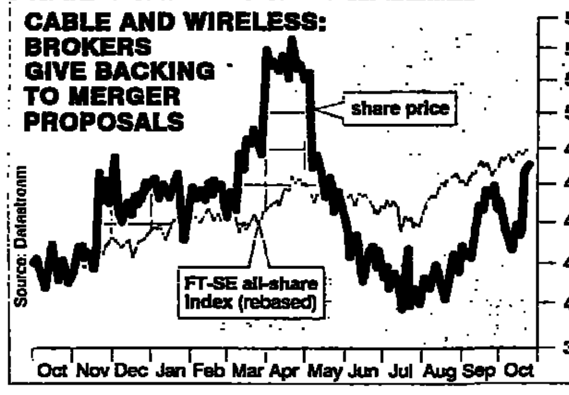
A drop in half-year profits from £4 million to £917,000 left **Ocean Wilsons** 4p cheaper at 78½p, while **Ex Lands Properties**, the property developer, finished ½p firmer at 12p despite turning a profit of £1 million into a loss of £55,000. **Eleco Holdings** lost 1p at 11½p after doubling full-year losses.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Tuesday's rally proved short-lived with issues giving up ground ahead of today's auction of £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2015. Tuesday's auction of £2 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2001 was 3.57 times oversubscribed. Prices had opened firmer, supported by a weaker than expected rise in September's retail sales. The comments from the Bundesbank saw those early gains whittled away. Brokers now expect the next few auctions to originate from among the shorter and medium dated issues.

In futures the December series of the long gilt was nine ticks down on the day at £109²⁵⁄₃₂. Among longer-dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 fell three ticks to £101⁵⁄₁₆, while in shorts Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 dropped a tick to £101⁵⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Political worries and an over-extended recent rally dragged shares down on Wall Street and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 66.71 points lower at 5,995.09.

**South West Water rose 21p to 701p ahead of publication of the Monopolies an Mergers Commission report on whether Wessex Water or Severn Trent will be allowed to proceed with their bids. NatWest feels that they will and is urging clients to add to their holdings in South West after recent weakness.**



## MAJOR INDICES

**New York (midday):**

| | |
|---|---|
| Dow Jones | 5995.09 (-66.71) |
| S&P Composite | 701.14 (-5.43) |

**Tokyo:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Nikkei Average | 21082.15 (-41.53) |

**Hong Kong:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Hang Seng | 12492.37 (+47.71) |

**Amsterdam:**

| | |
|---|---|
| EOE Index | 583.57 (-9.54) |

**Sydney:**

| | |
|---|---|
| AO | 2340.7 (-6.9) |

**Frankfurt:**

| | |
|---|---|
| DAX | 2699.53 (-19.45) |

**Singapore:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Straits | 2046.45 (+7.61) |

**Brussels:**

| | |
|---|---|
| General | 9984.27 (-49.23) |

**Paris:**

| | |
|---|---|
| CAC-40 | 2148.86 (-26.75) |

**Zurich:**

| | |
|---|---|
| SKA Gen | 779.90 (-4.80) |

**London:**

| | |
|---|---|
| FT 30 | 2831.3 (-25.5) |
| FT 100 | 4028.4 (-28.8) |
| FTSE Mid 250 | 4431.1 (-21.6) |
| FTSE 350 | 2002.8 (-13.4) |
| FTSE Eurotrack 100 | 1777.80 (-10.43) |
| FT All-Share | 1976.34 (-12.66) |
| FT Non Financials | 2071.35 (-13.89) |
| FT Fixed Interest | 115.56 (-0.04) |
| FT Govt Secs | 94.12 (-0.18) |
| Bargains | 36337 |
| SEAQ Volume | 683.7m |
| USM (Datastrm) | 204.67 (-1.33) |
| US$ | 1.5964 (-0.0009) |
| German Mark | 2.4323 (-0.0196) |
| Exchange Index | 88.8 (-0.05) |
| Bank of England official close (4pm) | |
| £:ECU | 1.2651 |
| £:SDR | 1.1093 |
| RPI | 153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100 |
| RPIX | 153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100 |

## RECENT ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Airtech | 75 | ... |
| Charles Taylor | 161½ | ... |
| Deltron Electrn (150) | 160½ | ... |
| Elec Retail Sys | 174½ | - 2 |
| Eurasia Mining | 312½ | ... |
| Fitness First | 90½ | ... |
| Geo Interactive (100) | 104½ | - ½ |
| Hartstone 8% Cum | 121 | ... |
| Healthcare Reform | 99½ | ... |
| Imperial Tobacco | 384½ | - ½ |
| Interoute Tele | 165½ | - 2 |
| John David Sports | 305½ | - 1 |
| Lavendon | 155½ | ... |
| Lomond Under | 130½ | - ½ |
| Mears Group | 12 | ... |
| Oriental Resturnts | 206½ | + 1 |
| Personal Number | 82½ | ... |
| Polydoc | 69½ | ... |
| Shallbane | 139½ | ... |
| Thistle Hotels | 170½ | ... |
| Ultra Electronics | 299 | ... |
| Victory Corp | 57 | - 1 |
| Weeks Group | 7¼ | ... |

## RIGHTS ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brooke Tool n/p (125) | 7 | - 3½ |
| Cairn Energy n/p (360) | 5½ | - ½ |
| Capital Inds n/p (175) | 15½ | ... |
| Celsis Intl n/p (100) | 6 | - 1½ |
| Clyde Blwrs n/p (265) | 20 | - 5 |
| Prism Rail n/p (240) | 122 | ... |

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cohen (A) | 410p (+15p) |
| Compass Gp | 608p (+10½p) |
| Logica | 771p (+10p) |

FALLS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Whitecroft | 144p (-11p) |
| RCO | 225p (-15½p) |
| Filtronic Com | 187½p (-10p) |
| Chiroscience | 355p (-17½p) |
| Cortecs | 193½p (-9p) |
| Biocomps Intl | 550p (-20p) |
| Adam & Harvey | 317½p (-10p) |
| Liberty | 420p (-12½p) |
| Allied Domecq | 459p (-10p) |
| Ryl Bk Scot | 497½p (-10p) |
| Powell Duffryn | 433½p (-13p) |
| Reuters | 778p (-18p) |

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## *TEMPUS*

# Slimline Sorrell

FOR an advertising man, Martin Sorrell is only being true to his colours as a follower of fashion. He has dug the WPP group out from under its debts and the investment world is wondering what comes next. Nervous fund managers might wonder whether his brief interest in a small French ad agency might be a prelude to a buying binge. There is, apparently, no need to worry.

The chief executive, who clearly knows which way the wind is blowing, is making it very clear that WPP is on track for a substantial reduction in debt. Thereafter, serious consideration will be made to share buybacks and special dividends. WPP has substantial foreign earnings so there is a potential ACT problem with a large distribution. But this week's special foreign income dividend from Reckitt & Colman suggests a solution is available. The switch from chronic obesity to anorexia nervosa took some years to develop and was deeply painful for investors.

However, it is none the less impressive and WPP's ambition to hand back cash in a year or two is certainly not fanciful. Free cash flow of more than £50 million per year should quickly reduce debts of £160 million to a target level of £100 million. Thereafter, the preferred home for that cash will be investors pockets rather than the funding of huge deals.

In the circumstances, the share price fall yesterday looks mean-minded. Advertising revenue growth did slow in the third quarter but in a period of low inflation 8 per cent growth overall is impressive in any industry. Add to that the prospect of higher margins and the slimline WPP looks a buy.

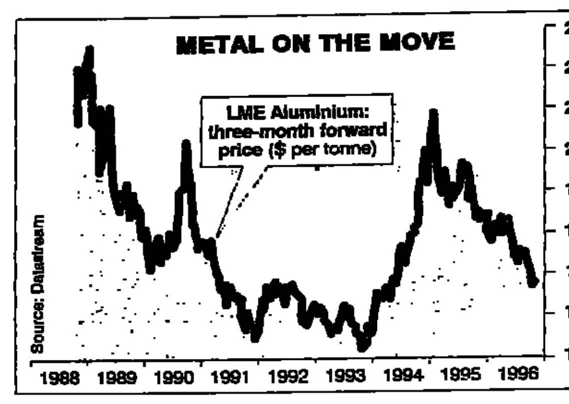
## Aluminium

ALUMINIUM could be about to break out of a two-year bear market. Yesterday there was evidence of buying from funds expecting a fall in metal stocks. Cash prices rose from $1,330 to $1,372 per tonne but forward prices tell a more exciting tale. Aluminium for three month's delivery is now above $1,400 and, a further year out, the market is quoting $1,500.

Surplus aluminium stocks, and the hangover from a surge of Russian exports, sent aluminium into a tailspin. According to estimates by Anthony Bird Associates, the current price is barely above production costs, which average $1,253 per tonne worldwide. Moreover, it hardly justifies building new smelters; including the cost of servicing capital, new plant requires a threshold aluminium price of $1,591 per tonne.

However, the market is more tightly balanced than the current price would suggest. This year, the surplus of supply over demand is expected to be 479,000 tonnes, a fraction of total Western demand of 17.3 million tonnes. The latter figure should increase, stimulated by economic growth and increased use of the metal. At current prices, aluminium is an attractive alternative to steel for motor cars and drinks cans.

The industry is operating close to capacity, with little new production scheduled. That suggests a steady run-down in stocks and a price surge is in the offing.



## Limelight

WHERE smaller companies are concerned, the reasons for seeking a listing are almost as much a concern to investors as the profit record. Limelight is floating in order to let the founder and core investors realise part or all of their investment: ADT will unload its entire 16.4 per cent interest; Schroder Venture Advisers will reduce its stake from 27 per cent to 10 per cent: and founder Stephen Boler will shrink from just under 50 per cent to about 15 per cent.

No new money is being raised from the flotation to fund the business. Limelight has ambitious expansion plans; the company states that it will nearly double its 555 outlets over the next four years but by some reckoning that should be possible out of cash-flow. It is not unreasonable for venture capitalists to bail out. Their business is unquoted investments. Founders can be expected to seek a return but when so much of the company is being sold, new investors must wonder how much growth is left in the company. As a combined manufacturer and retailer, Limelight is an unusual beast and would be very vulnerable to any downturn in consumer demand. Vertical integration of the stock chain would give the company little room for manoeuvre, should the market take a tumble and unsold goods begin to pile up.

Limelight might be worth a flutter, given the current healthy consumer market, on a price earnings multiple of 13 or 14. But the suggested issue price range of 175p to 190p will put Limelight on a ratio of between 16 and 18, which is unjustifiably close to the retail sector average.

## CU

COMMERCIAL UNION'S strong new business figures suggest it has taken just 18 months for the public to forget all the bad publicity surrounding the pensions mis-selling scandal.

Insurance companies are hoping that the fall in sales that followed the horror stories was just a blip. They may well be right: even those who are still sceptical about personal pension salesmen need to make provision for their retirement, and there is a whole generation of thirty-something baby-boomers who want to save for the future.

The news will please mutuals and quoted life companies alike. So long as the stock market continues to surge ahead and sales are strong, mutuals can provide good returns to policyholders and remain independent. For the quoted composites, a steady stream of pension premium provides a comforting buffer against the uncertainty of the general insurance market, where profits can be high one year, and wiped out the next.

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## COMMODITIES

### LIFFE

**COCOA**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec | 961-960 | Mar | 1060-1054 |
| Mar | 989-988 | May | 1066-1063 |
| May | 1002-1001 | Jul | 1076-1073 |
| Jul | 1017-1015 | Sep | 1082-1075 |
| Sep | 1032-1030 | | |
| Dec | 1042-1040 | | Volume: 2518 |

**ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov | 1542-1540 | Jul | 1360-1355 |
| Jan | 1425-1423 | Sep | 1360-1355 |
| Mar | 1378-1376 | Nov | 1360-1355 |
| May | 1357-1356 | | Volume: 3705 |

**WHITE SUGAR (FOB)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reuters | | Aug | 315.9-15.6 |
| Spot: 324.6 | | Oct | 309.3-09.0 |
| Dec | 315.9-15.8 | Dec | 312.7-11.7 |
| Mar | 313.2-13.0 | Mar | 314.8-14.0 |
| May | 313.4-13.2 | | Volume: 1411 |

**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 22

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 95.12 | 118.73 | 96.04 |
| (+/-) | -3.61 | +2.96 | +1.70 |
| Eng/Wales: | 94.46 | 119.01 | 95.39 |
| (+/-) | -3.39 | +2.69 | +1.90 |
| (%) | +2.0 | +10.0 | +7.0 |
| Scotland: | 105.57 | 117.37 | 98.49 |
| (+/-) | -3.93 | +3.78 | +1.39 |
| (%) | -22.0 | -7.0 | -8.0 |

### ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

**CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 24.50 | -0.50 |
| Brent 15 day (Dec) | 24.10 | -0.50 |
| Brent 15 day (Jan) | 23.50 | -0.40 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Dec) | 24.95 | -0.55 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Jan) | 24.50 | -0.50 |

**PRODUCTS ($/MT)**

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Unld | 242 (+4) | 245 (+3) |
| Gasoil EEC | 233 (-1) | 234 (-1) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 124 (n/c) | 126 (n/c) |
| Naphtha | 227 (-1) | 229 (-1) |

**IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)**

**GAS OIL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov | 225.75-26.00 | Feb | 210.00-10.50 |
| Dec | 221.25-22.00 | Mar | 201.75-02.25 |
| Jan | 216.50 BID | | Vol: 23383 |

**BRENT (6.00pm)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec | 24.13-24.14 | Mar | 22.30 BID |
| Jan | 23.48 BID | Apr | 21.57-21.61 |
| Feb | 22.85-22.91 | | Vol: 25742 |

### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

| WHEAT (close £/t) | | BARLEY (close £/t) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov | 97.60 | Nov | 93.50 |
| Jan | 99.50 | Jan | 95.25 |
| Mar | 100.60 | Mar | 96.75 |
| May | 102.10 | May | 98.25 |
| Jul | 103.50 | Sep | 93.00 |
| | Volume: 370 | | Volume: 193 |

**POTATO (£/t)**

| | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Nov | unq | 32.5 |
| Mar | — | 67.7 |
| Apr | 68.5 | 69.0 |
| | | Volume: 27 |

**RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)**

Nov 82.25-82.75

**BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)**

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct 96 | 1270 | 1250 | 1271 |
| Nov 96 | 1347 | 1340 | 1345 |
| Dec 96 | 1330 | 1320 | 1332 |
| Jan 97 | 1325 | 1310 | 1315 |

Vol: 264 lots Open Interest: 4403

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### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

| (Official) (Volume prev day) | Cash | 3mth | Rudolf Wolff Vol |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A ($/tonne) | 2015.0-2016.0 | 1983.0-1984.0 | 1650125 |
| Lead ($/tonne) | 728.50-729.50 | 738.50-739.00 | 276175 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1001.0-1002.0 | 1028.0-1028.5 | 394550 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 5945.0-5950.0 | 6006.0-6007.0 | 17425 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1363.5-1364.5 | 1396.0-1396.5 | 1235200 |
| Nickel ($/tonne) | 7068.0-7069.0 | 7182.0-7185.0 | 70296 |

## LIFFE OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jan | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Puts Jan | Puts Apr | Puts Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alld Dom | 420 | 43½ | 47 | 51 | 6½ | 11 | 16½ |
| (*459) | 460 | 16 | 23½ | 29 | 24 | 28½ | 35½ |
| ASDA | 110 | 9½ | 11 | 13½ | 2½ | 4 | 5½ |
| (*115½) | 120 | 4½ | 6½ | 8½ | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| Boots | 600 | 46 | 60 | 68 | 6½ | 12½ | 19½ |
| (*639) | 650 | 17 | 30½ | 39 | 27½ | 33½ | 42½ |
| Br Airways | 550 | 41½ | 53½ | 61 | 11 | 18 | 24½ |
| (*578) | 600 | 15½ | 27 | 35 | 36 | 41½ | 49 |
| BP | 650 | 54½ | 66 | 74 | 10½ | 17 | 23 |
| (*690½) | 700 | 25½ | 37 | 47 | 30½ | 38½ | 45 |
| Br Steel | 160 | 14½ | 18 | 20½ | 3½ | 5½ | 10 |
| (*172) | 180 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 15½ | 21 |
| C & W | 460 | 26½ | 39½ | 47 | 14 | 20 | 25 |
| (*471½) | 500 | 10 | 21½ | 28½ | 35½ | 42½ | 46½ |
| CU | 600 | 61 | 70 | 74½ | 6½ | 16½ | 19½ |
| (*647½) | 650 | 27½ | 38 | 45 | 22 | 38½ | 42 |
| ICI | 750 | 49½ | 62½ | 69½ | 14 | 28½ | 34 |
| (*777) | 800 | 23 | 35 | 44 | 37 | 54 | 60 |
| Land Sec | 700 | 33 | 46 | 53½ | 10½ | 16 | 24 |
| (*722½) | 750 | 9½ | 20½ | 26½ | 39½ | 42 | 51½ |
| M & S | 500 | 35½ | 47 | 51½ | 5½ | 11 | 15½ |
| (*527½) | 550 | 8½ | 19½ | 25 | 30 | 34½ | 39½ |
| Nat West | 700 | 37½ | 46 | 55 | 20 | 39½ | 43½ |
| (*708) | 750 | 15½ | 24 | 33½ | 49 | 70 | 73½ |
| Safeway plc | 360 | 20½ | 30 | 34½ | 11½ | 17½ | 24½ |
| (*368½) | 390 | 7½ | 16½ | 21 | 29½ | 34½ | 41½ |
| Sainsbury | 330 | 25 | 32½ | 36 | 5 | 9 | 14½ |
| (*349½) | 360 | 9½ | 16½ | 20 | 19½ | 23 | 29½ |
| Shell | 1050 | 40 | 56 | 67 | 20 | 35 | 40½ |
| (*1058) | 1100 | 16 | 30½ | 42½ | 48 | 63 | 68 |
| Smkl Bch | 750 | 56 | 70½ | 84 | 13½ | 24 | 32 |
| (*788½) | 800 | 27½ | 47½ | 57 | 35 | 46½ | 54½ |
| Storehse | 300 | 0 | — | — | 0 | — | — |
| (*unq) | 330 | 0 | — | — | 0 | — | — |
| Trafalgar | 50 | 0 | — | — | 0 | — | — |
| (*unq) | 60 | 0 | — | — | 0 | — | — |
| Zeneca | 1700 | 99 | 135½ | 156 | 55½ | 80 | 91 |
| (*1725) | 1800 | 58½ | 87½ | 108 | 110 | 133 | 143 |
| | Series | Nov | Jan | Apr | Nov | Jan | Apr |
| BAT Ind | 420 | 17½ | 27 | 36½ | 8½ | 15 | 28 |
| (*427½) | 460 | 4½ | 11 | 19½ | 34 | 38 | 53 |
| Vodafone | 230 | 11½ | 15 | 22 | 2½ | 7½ | 11 |
| (*227½) | 240 | 2½ | 6 | 13 | 13½ | 18½ | 22 |
| | Series | Nov | Feb | May | Nov | Feb | May |
| Grnd Met | 460 | 26½ | 35 | 42½ | 3 | 14 | 18 |
| (*482) | 500 | 4½ | 14 | 23 | 21½ | 35½ | 39 |
| Ladbroke | 180 | 20 | 24½ | 27½ | 0½ | 2½ | 6 |
| (*199) | 200 | 4 | 11 | 14½ | 5½ | 9½ | 13½ |
| Utd Bisc | 200 | 12 | 18½ | 21½ | 2 | 6½ | 10 |
| (*208½) | 220 | 2½ | 8 | 11½ | 12½ | 17½ | 21 |

October 23, 1996 Tot: 44819 Call: 16159 Put: 28660 FTSE Call: 5197 Put: 7910

*Underlying security price.

| | Series | Calls Jan | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Puts Jan | Puts Apr | Puts Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA | 500 | 20 | 32½ | 41½ | 14 | 20 | 26½ |
| (*505) | 550 | 3½ | 12½ | 20 | 50 | 52 | 56½ |
| Thames W | 500 | 40 | 52 | 59 | 7 | 16½ | 25½ |
| (*536½) | 550 | 11½ | 25 | 32 | 30 | 40½ | 51½ |
| | Series | Nov | Feb | May | Nov | Feb | May |
| BTR | 240 | 13 | 20 | 22½ | 1½ | 5 | 10 |
| (*250½) | 260 | 2½ | 9 | 12 | 11 | 14½ | 20½ |
| Br Aero | 1150 | 33½ | 66 | 84 | 17½ | 32½ | 48 |
| (*1162½) | 1200 | 11½ | 41 | 59½ | 45½ | 58½ | 73½ |
| Br Telcm | 330 | 20½ | 26½ | 31 | 2 | 8½ | 11½ |
| (*347½) | 360 | 3½ | 10½ | 16½ | 14½ | 24½ | 26½ |
| Cadbury | 500 | 22½ | 38½ | 45 | 3½ | 12 | 22½ |
| (*517) | 550 | 1½ | 14 | 20½ | 33½ | 39 | 50 |
| Guinness | 420 | 38½ | 48 | 53½ | 0½ | 4 | 10½ |
| (*456) | 460 | 8½ | 21½ | 28 | 11 | 18 | 27 |
| GEC | 360 | 14 | 21½ | 29 | 4 | 11 | 15½ |
| (*368½) | 390 | 2 | 8 | 14½ | 22 | 28 | 31 |
| Hanson | 119 | 8 | 11 | — | 1½ | 3½ | — |
| (*125) | 136 | 1 | 3½ | — | 11½ | 13½ | — |
| LASMO | 200 | 22 | 27 | 30½ | 0½ | 3½ | 5 |
| (*219½) | 220 | 7½ | 14 | 18½ | 6 | 9½ | 12½ |
| LucasVarity | 240 | 17½ | 26 | 31 | 2 | 5 | 10½ |
| (*254½) | 260 | 5½ | 15 | 20½ | 10 | 15½ | 19½ |
| Pilkingtn | 160 | 15 | 19 | 23 | 0½ | 3½ | 5 |
| (*174½) | 180 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 12½ | 14 |
| Prudential | 460 | 23 | 37½ | 43 | 4½ | 13 | 21½ |
| (*476½) | 500 | 4½ | 18 | 23 | 29½ | 33½ | 43 |
| Redland | 420 | 36 | 43½ | 51 | 1 | 8 | 15 |
| (*459½) | 460 | 6 | 20 | 27½ | 15½ | 24½ | 34 |
| R-Royce | 260 | 9 | 18½ | 24 | 5½ | 12½ | 17½ |
| (*262) | 280 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 19 | 24 | 28½ |
| Tesco | 300 | 30½ | 38½ | 43½ | 0½ | 4 | 9 |
| (*328½) | 330 | 8½ | 18 | 25 | 8 | 14 | 20½ |
| Williams | 360 | 8 | — | — | 7 | — | — |
| (*360) | 390 | 0½ | — | — | 30 | — | — |

**FTSE INDEX (*4030)**

| | 3900 | 3950 | 4000 | 4050 | 4100 | 4150 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calls | | | | | | |
| Nov | 143 | 100 | 63½ | 34 | 15 | 5 |
| Dec | 176½ | 136½ | 101 | 70 | 46½ | 28½ |
| Jan | 195½ | 157 | 124½ | 93½ | 69½ | 48 |
| Feb | 214 | 179 | 147 | 116½ | 93 | 68½ |
| Jun | 274 | — | 210½ | — | 160½ | — |
| Puts | | | | | | |
| Nov | 10½ | 18½ | 31½ | 54 | 88 | 134 |
| Dec | 29 | 40 | 55½ | 77½ | 106 | 141½ |
| Jan | 44 | 56 | 74½ | 94 | 120½ | 152½ |
| Feb | 56½ | 71 | 87½ | 109 | 136 | 165 |
| Jun | 111 | — | 146 | — | 194 | — |

| | Series | Calls Dec | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Puts Dec | Puts Apr | Puts Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abby Nat | 600 | 23 | 37½ | 45½ | 16½ | 34 | 39 |
| (*601) | 650 | 5½ | 17½ | 25 | 50 | 66 | 70 |
| Amstrad | 140 | 15½ | — | — | 3½ | — | — |
| (*150½) | 160 | 5½ | — | — | 13½ | — | — |
| Barclays | 950 | 63 | 85 | 94½ | 9½ | 31 | 38½ |
| (*993½) | 1000 | 31½ | 55 | 66 | 29 | 54 | 61½ |
| Natl Pwr | 360 | 26½ | 35½ | 40½ | 3½ | 11½ | 21½ |
| (*383½) | 400 | 5½ | 16 | — | 26 | 31½ | — |
| | Series | Jan | Apr | Jul | Jan | Apr | Jul |
| Glaxo W | 1000 | 48 | 68 | 82 | 30 | 49½ | 58½ |
| (*1004½) | 1050 | 26 | 44½ | 59 | 58½ | 77½ | 86 |
| HSBC | 1250 | 86½ | 112 | 132½ | 22½ | 48½ | 65 |
| (*1299) | 1300 | 56 | 83 | 105½ | 42 | 71 | 88 |
| Reuter | 750 | 52½ | 69½ | 82½ | 17½ | 29 | 35½ |
| (*777½) | 800 | 26 | 43 | 56½ | 40 | 53 | 59½ |
| Royal & Sun | 394 | 34½ | 41 | — | 6 | 16½ | — |
| (*416½) | 431 | 14 | 20 | — | 23½ | 36 | — |
| | Series | Dec | Feb | May | Dec | Feb | May |
| Blue Circ | 390 | 19½ | 28 | 34 | 8 | 12½ | 20 |
| (*398½) | 420 | 5½ | 14 | 19½ | 25 | 28½ | 36½ |
| | Series | Feb | May | Aug | Feb | May | Aug |
| Kingfishr | 650 | 44½ | 55½ | 63½ | 20½ | 33 | 38½ |
| (*663½) | 700 | 21 | 31 | 40½ | 47½ | 60 | 65 |
| | Series | Dec | Mar | Jun | Dec | Mar | Jun |
| Unilever | 1300 | 41½ | 65½ | 78 | 16½ | 30½ | 44½ |
| (*1324½) | 1350 | 15½ | 39 | 51 | 42½ | 55½ | 69½ |
| | Series | Dec | Mar | Jun | Dec | Mar | Jun |
| Br Gas | 180 | 12 | 16 | 18½ | 3½ | 5½ | 8½ |
| (*186½) | 200 | 4 | 8½ | 10 | 15 | 16 | 19½ |
| Dixons | 550 | 46½ | 60 | 72½ | 5½ | 15 | 20½ |
| (*585½) | 600 | 17 | 31½ | 44 | 25½ | 36 | 42 |
| EMI Group | 1250 | 46 | 77½ | 101½ | 28 | 48 | 58 |
| (*1256½) | 1300 | 23½ | 54 | 76 | 56 | 75 | 84 |
| Tarmac | 80 | 11 | 13½ | 14½ | 0½ | 2½ | 3½ |
| (*89) | 90 | 4½ | 8 | 8½ | 4 | 6½ | 7 |
| Hillsdwn | 160 | 17 | 20 | 21½ | 1 | 3 | 6½ |
| (*176½) | 180 | 4 | 8 | 10½ | 8½ | 11½ | 17 |
| Lonrho | 160 | 8 | 12 | 14½ | 4 | 9 | 9½ |
| (*162) | 180 | 1½ | 4½ | 7 | 18 | 22 | 22 |
| Sears | 80 | 6½ | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| (*85½) | 90 | 1½ | — | — | 6½ | — | — |
| Thorn EMI | 1600 | 56½ | — | — | 24 | — | — |
| (*1614) | 1700 | 15½ | — | — | 88 | — | — |
| Tomkins | 240 | 21½ | 26½ | 31½ | 3 | 8 | 9½ |
| (*250) | 260 | 9½ | 15 | 21 | 10½ | 16 | 18½ |
| Lloyds TSB | 390 | 18½ | 28½ | 34 | 7½ | 19½ | 23 |
| (*398½) | 420 | 5½ | 14 | 20½ | 24½ | 36 | 40 |
| Scot Pwr | 294 | 19 | 25 | — | 3½ | 9 | — |
| (*306½) | 323 | 4½ | 10½ | — | 18½ | 25 | — |

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Sett | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FTSE 100<br>Previous open interest: 63746 | Dec 96 | 4088.0 | 4088.0 | 4031.0 | 4046.0 | 13467 |
| | Mar 97 | | | | 4061.0 | 0 |
| FTSE 250<br>Previous open interest: 3571 | Dec 96 | 4480.0 | 4480.0 | 4480.0 | 4462.0 | 100 |
| | Mar 97 | | | | | 0 |
| Three Month Sterling<br>Previous open interest: 470450 | Dec 96 | 93.93 | 93.95 | 93.91 | 93.93 | 15923 |
| | Mar 97 | 93.76 | 93.80 | 93.73 | 93.75 | 25133 |
| | Jun 97 | 93.44 | 93.50 | 93.40 | 93.44 | 19945 |
| Three Mth Euro Yen | Mar 97 | 99.36 | 99.36 | 99.36 | 99.36 | 3 |
| | Jun 97 | 99.24 | 99.24 | 99.23 | 99.23 | 13 |
| Three Mth Euro DM<br>Previous open interest: 1108871 | Dec 96 | 96.86 | 96.86 | 96.82 | 96.83 | 29792 |
| | Mar 97 | 96.88 | 96.89 | 96.81 | 96.82 | 46650 |
| Long Gilt<br>Previous open interest: 162451 | Dec 96 | 109-29 | 110-06 | 109-23 | 109-25 | 66635 |
| | Mar 97 | 109-02 | 109-02 | 109-02 | 108-29 | 52 |
| Japanese Govmt Bond | Dec 96 | 124.04 | 124.04 | 123.80 | 123.83 | 2004 |
| | Mar 97 | 122.98 | 122.98 | 122.84 | 122.85 | 496 |
| German Gov Bd Bund<br>Previous open interest: 271600 | Dec 96 | 99.71 | 99.85 | 99.42 | 99.47 | 176348 |
| | Mar 97 | 98.67 | 98.80 | 98.49 | 98.44 | 2987 |
| Three month ECU<br>Previous open interest: 25807 | Dec 96 | 95.89 | 95.89 | 95.85 | 95.87 | 1277 |
| | Mar 97 | 95.90 | 95.91 | 95.86 | 95.87 | 815 |
| Euro Swiss Franc<br>Previous open interest: 85267 | Dec 96 | 98.29 | 98.31 | 98.24 | 98.26 | 5316 |
| | Mar 97 | 98.30 | 98.32 | 98.23 | 98.25 | 6141 |
| Italian Govmt Bond<br>Previous open interest: 83832 | Dec 96 | 123.90 | 124.15 | 123.30 | 123.48 | 63765 |
| | Mar 97 | 123.20 | 123.20 | 122.62 | 122.73 | 344 |

## MONEY RATES (%)

**Base Rates:** Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

*Discount Market Loans:* O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5 11/16

**Treasury Bills (Dis):** Buy: 2 mth 5 11/16 ; 3 mth 5⅝ . Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16 ; 3 mth: 5⅝ .

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Prime Bank Bills (Dis):** | 5 29/32-5 27/32 | 5 31/32-5 29/32 | 5⅞-5 13/16 | 6-5⅞ | |
| **Sterling Money Rates:** | 5 29/32-5 27/32 | 6-5 15/16 | 6-5 15/16 | 6⅛-6 1/16 | 6⅜-6¼ |
| **Interbank:** | 5 29/32-5 25/32 | 6-5 15/16 | 6-5 15/16 | 6⅛-6 1/16 | 6⅜-6¼ |

Overnight: open 5 11/16, close 5 15/16

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Local Authority Deps:** | 5 29/32 | n/a | 5 31/32 | 6 | 6¼ |
| **Sterling CDs:** | 5 29/32-5 27/32 | 5 31/32-5⅞ | 5 31/32-5 29/32 | 6⅛-6 | 6 11/32-6¼ |
| **Dollar CDs:** | 5.28 | n/a | 5.41 | 5.52 | 5.75 |
| **Building Society CDs:** | 5⅞-5 13/16 | 5 31/32-5 29/32 | 6-5 15/16 | 6⅛-6 1/16 | 6 11/32-6 9/32 |

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dollar:** | 5 5/16-4 13/16 | 5¼-5⅛ | 5 7/16-5 5/16 | 5⅝-5½ | 5-4 |
| **Deutschemark:** | 3¼-2⅞ | 3¼-2⅞ | 3⅛-3 | 3⅛-3 | 3½-2½ |
| **French Franc:** | 3⅝-3⅜ | 2 15/16-2¾ | 2⅞-2¾ | 2 15/16-2 13/16 | 4-3 |
| **Swiss Franc:** | 1½-1¼ | 1⅝-1½ | 1 9/16-1 7/16 | 1 9/16-1 7/16 | 2-1 |
| **Yen:** | 7/16-5/16 | 9/16-7/16 | 9/16-7/16 | ⅝-½ | 1-par |

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

**Bullion:** Open $384.10-384.40 Close: $383.30-383.80 High: $384.40-384.90 Low: $383.00-383.50 AM: $383.95 PM: $383.50

**Krugerrand:** $382.50-384.50 (£239.00-241.00)

**Platinum:** $387.25 (£242.05) **Silver:** $4.97 (£3.105) **Palladium:** $118.75 (£74.20)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mkt Rates for Oct 23 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 2.7266-2.7365 | 2.7266-2.7289 | ½-⅜pr | 1¼-1⅛pr |
| Brussels | 50.050-50.280 | 50.075-50.116 | 15-10pr | 41-34pr |
| Copenhagen | 9.3170-9.3490 | 9.3196-9.3274 | 2-1½pr | 5⅛-4⅝pr |
| Dublin | 0.9889-0.9944 | 0.9897-0.9909 | 4pr-par | 11-5pr |
| Frankfurt | 2.4309-2.4399 | 2.4309-2.4329 | ⅝-½pr | 1⅝-1½pr |
| Lisbon | 245.30-246.18 | 245.37-245.65 | ⅛-⅜ds | ⅝-⅞ds |
| Madrid | 204.83-205.51 | 204.83-205.00 | 14-24ds | 41-59ds |
| Milan | 2436.6-2443.4 | 2436.6-2439.9 | 39-54ds | 116-137ds |
| Montreal | 2.1428-2.1525 | 2.1428-2.1447 | 0.51-0.45pr | 0.98-0.90pr |
| New York | 1.5960-1.5996 | 1.5960-1.5968 | 0.082-0.062pr | 0.195-0.165pr |
| Oslo | 10.319-10.525 | 10.319-10.327 | ⅝-⅜pr | ⅝-⅜pr |
| Paris | 8.2178-8.2510 | 8.2178-8.2243 | 1⅝-1⅜pr | 5⅛-5⅛pr |
| Stockholm | 10.490-10.525 | 10.490-10.511 | ⅛-⅛pr | ⅛-⅛pr |
| Tokyo | 180.04-180.53 | 180.32-180.53 | ⅞-⅝pr | 2⅞-2⅝pr |
| Vienna | 17.101-17.165 | 17.102-17.117 | ⅝-⅜pr | 1⅝-⅞pr |
| Zurich | 1.9998-2.0065 | 2.0015-2.0040 | ⅝-½pr | 2½-2⅛pr |

*Source: Extel* *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

## DOLLAR RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Australia | 1.2581-1.2589 |
| Austria | 10.70-10.71 |
| Belgium (Com) | 31.33-31.37 |
| Canada | 1.3435-1.3440 |
| Denmark | 5.8326-5.8346 |
| France | 5.1450-5.1470 |
| Germany | 1.5213-1.5218 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7318-7.7328 |
| Ireland | 1.6125-1.6135 |
| Italy | 1526.45-1526.95 |
| Japan | 112.70-112.75 |
| Malaysia | 2.5050-2.5060 |
| Netherlands | 1.7065-1.7070 |
| Norway | 6.4563-6.4601 |
| Portugal | 153.57-153.67 |
| Singapore | 1.4155-1.4162 |
| Spain | 128.19-128.24 |
| Sweden | 6.5615-6.5715 |
| Switzerland | 1.2516-1.2526 |

## OTHER STERLING

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 1.5967-1.5993 |
| Australia dollar | 2.0087-2.0108 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5960-0.6080 |
| Brazil real* | 1.6359-1.6407 |
| China yuan | n/a |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7325-0.7425 |
| Finland markka | 7.2575-7.3735 |
| Greece drachma | 378.25-385.25 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.3469-12.3539 |
| India rupee | 56.40-57.36 |
| Indonesia rupiah | 3680.0-3748.6 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4735-0.4835 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.0007-4.0036 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.2477-2.2507 |
| Pakistan rupee | 63.50 Buy |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.7525-5.8765 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.2596-2.2621 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 7.2520-7.3540 |
| U A E dirham | 5.8025-5.9265 |

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

## FTSE VOLUMES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3i | 438 | Lloyds TSB | 7,300 |
| ASDA Gp | 2,400 | LucasVarity | 1,300 |
| Abbey Ntl | 5,500 | Marks Spr | 4,400 |
| Allied Dom | 1,600 | NatWst Bk | 3,000 |
| Argos | 553 | Nat Grid | 5,800 |
| AB Foods | 1,100 | Nat Power | 2,600 |
| BAA | 1,300 | Next | 1,400 |
| BAT Inds | 12,300 | Orange | 3,600 |
| BOC | 1,200 | P & O | 4,000 |
| BP | 9,200 | Pearson | 6,000 |
| BSkyB | 8,700 | Pilkington | 484 |
| BTR | 16,700 | PowerGen | 1,600 |
| BT | 7,600 | Prudential | 1,200 |
| Bk of Scot | 5,200 | RMC | 994 |
| Barclays | 4,200 | RTZ | 1,800 |
| Bass | 1,200 | Railtrack | 2,300 |
| Blue Circle | 1,300 | Rank Group | 1,600 |
| Boots | 1,300 | Reckitt Col | 536 |
| BAe | 1,900 | Redland | 3,500 |
| BA | 2,300 | Reed Intl | 396 |
| Brit Gas | 9,800 | Rentokil | 3,900 |
| Brit Steel | 8,600 | Reuters | 2,400 |
| Burmah Cstl | 644 | Rolls Royce | 9,600 |
| Burton | 4,900 | Royal & Sun | 4,000 |
| Cable Wire | 14,100 | Royal Bk Sct | 558 |
| Cadbury | 1,900 | Safeway | 5,100 |
| Carlton Cms | 1,300 | Sainsbury | 5,200 |
| Cm Union | 3,400 | Schroders | 62 |
| Courtaulds | 1,000 | Scot & New | 1,400 |
| Dixons | 1,000 | Scot Power | 926 |
| EMI | 4,100 | Svrn Trent | 999 |
| Enterpr Oil | 988 | Shell Trans | 4,200 |
| GKN | 481 | Siebe | 1,400 |
| GRE | 832 | SmKl Bch | 3,000 |
| GUS | 1,400 | Smith Nph | 2,000 |
| Gen Acc | 1,500 | Smiths Inds | 773 |
| Gen Elec | 6,300 | Std Chartd | 5,000 |
| Glaxo Well | 5,200 | TI Gp | 343 |
| Granada | 3,000 | Tate & Lyle | 575 |
| Grand Met | 1,800 | Tesco | 5,200 |
| Guinness | 3,600 | Thames W | 484 |
| HSBC | 1,600 | Tomkins | 5,100 |
| Hanson | 14,600 | Unilever | 994 |
| ICI | 2,600 | Utd Utilities | 567 |
| Imp Tob | 7,900 | Utd News | 737 |
| Kingfisher | 1,500 | Vodafone | 2,700 |
| LASMO | 4,900 | Whitbread | 2,600 |
| Ladbroke | 5,700 | Wlms Hld | 1,100 |
| Land Secs | 1,000 | Wolseley | 1,700 |
| Legal & Gn | 1,500 | Zeneca | 3,700 |

## WALL STREET

| | Oct 23 midday | Oct 22 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 38¾ | 38¼ |
| AMR Corp | 81 | 81¼ |
| ASA | 39 | 39¾ |
| AT & T | 38¼ | 39¼ |
| Abbott Labs | 51 | 50¾ |
| Advanced Micro | 17¼ | 17¾ |
| Aetna Life | 62¼ | 63¼ |
| Ahmanson (HF) | 29½ | 29¾ |
| Air Prod & Chem | 61½ | 61½ |
| AirTouch Comm | 25½ | 25½ |
| Alberto-Culver B | 44¾ | 44¼ |
| Albertson's | 34½ | 34½ |
| Alcan Alumnm | 32¾ | 32½ |
| Alco Standard | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| Allied Signal | 64¾ | 64¾ |
| Alum Co of Am | 57¾ | 58½ |
| Amax Gold Inc | 5½ | 5½ |
| Amerada Hess | 56½ | 56¼ |
| Amer Brands | 48 | 48¾ |
| Amer El Power | 40¼ | 40¾ |
| Amer Express | 46¼ | 46½ |
| Amer Genl Corp | 37½ | 38¼ |
| Amer Home Pr | 64¼ | 65¼ |
| Amer Intl | 104 | 105¼ |
| Amer Stores | 41½ | 41¼ |
| Amer Standard | 37½ | 36¼ |
| Ameritech | 55½ | 55¾ |
| Amoco | 75¾ | 75¾ |
| Anheuser-Busch | 37¼ | 38¼ |
| Apple Computer | 24½ | 24½ |
| Archer Daniels | 21¾ | 22 |
| Armco | 3¾ | 3¾ |
| Armstrng Wrld | 67¼ | 67¼ |
| Asarco | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Atl Richfield | 133¾ | 134¼ |
| Auto Data Pro | 40¼ | 40¼ |
| Avery Dennison | 62¾ | 62¾ |
| Avon Products | 50¼ | 50¼ |
| Baker Hughes | 35½ | 35¾ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Banc One | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| BankAmerica | 87¾ | 87¾ |
| Bank of NY | 30¼ | 30¼ |
| Bankers Tr NY | 83¼ | 83¼ |
| Barnett Banks | 38¼ | 38¾ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 34¾ | 35 |
| Baxter Intl | 43¾ | 44 |
| Becton Dicknsn | 44 | 44¼ |
| Bell Atlantic | 59¾ | 60 |
| Bell Industries | 16¼ | 16¼ |
| BellSouth | 38¼ | 39¼ |
| Black & Decker | 40¼ | 40¾ |
| Block (H&R) | 25¼ | 26¼ |
| Boeing | 96¾ | 98¼ |
| Boise Cascade | 31¼ | 32 |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 108 | 105¼ |
| Browning Ferris | 25¾ | 26¼ |
| Brunswick | 24 | 24 |
| Burlington Nthn | 86 | 85¾ |
| CMS Energy Corp | 31¼ | 31 |
| CNA Financial | 97¾ | 97¾ |
| CPC Intl | 79¾ | 79¾ |
| CSX | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| Campbell Soup | 81¼ | 81¼ |
| Can Pacific | 24¾ | 23¼ |
| Carolina Pwr | 34½ | 34¼ |
| Caterpillar | 72 | 73¾ |
| Central & SW | 25½ | 25¾ |
| Champion Intl | 42¼ | 43 |
| Chase Manhat | 82¾ | 82¼ |
| Chevron Corp | 67 | 67¼ |
| Chrysler | 33¼ | 33¾ |
| Chubb Corp | 48 | 48¾ |
| Cigna Corp | 124¼ | 125¼ |
| Citicorp | 95¼ | 95½ |
| Clorox | 100¼ | 102¼ |
| Coastal Corp. | 45 | 45 |
| Coca Cola | 50 | 50¾ |
| Coca Cola Ent | 45¾ | 45 |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 90¾ | 90¾ |
| Columbia Gas | 60¾ | 60¼ |
| ColumbiaHCA | 35½ | 35¾ |
| Compaq Comp | 69¾ | 69¾ |
| Comp Ass Intl | 58¾ | 59¾ |
| Conagra | 49¾ | 49¾ |
| Conrail | 96¾ | 84¼ |
| Cons Edison | 28¾ | 28¼ |
| Cons Nat Gas | 53¼ | 53¼ |
| Cooper Inds | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Corestates | 46¾ | 47 |
| Corning Inc | 38¼ | 38¾ |
| Crown Cork | 47¼ | 47¾ |
| Dana Corp | 30¼ | 30¾ |
| Dayton Hudson | 32¼ | 33¾ |
| Deere | 42¾ | 43¾ |
| Delta Air Lines | 69 | 69¾ |
| Deluxe Corp | 33¼ | 32¼ |
| Digital Equip | 30¼ | 29 |
| Dillard Dept St | 31¼ | 32 |
| Disney (Walt) | 66 | 66¼ |
| Dominion Res | 37¾ | 37¼ |
| Donelley (RR) | 30¼ | 30¾ |
| Dover Corp | 52¾ | 52¼ |
| Dow Chemical | 77¾ | 77¾ |
| Dow Jones | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| Dresser | 32¾ | 32¼ |
| Duke Power | 47 | 47¼ |
| Dun & Brdstreet | 60¼ | 61¼ |
| Du Pont | 96 | 97¼ |
| Eastman Chem | 52¼ | 53¾ |

| | Oct 23 midday | Oct 22 close |
|---|---|---|
| Eastman Kodak | 77¾ | 79 |
| Eaton Corp | 59¾ | 59¼ |
| Edison Intl | 19¾ | 19¾ |
| Emerson Elec | 89¾ | 91½ |
| Engelhard Corp | 18¼ | 18¾ |
| Enron Corp | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Entergy | 27¼ | 27¾ |
| Ethyl Corp | 8¼ | 8¼ |
| Exxon | 88¾ | 88 |
| FMC Corp | 71 | 72¼ |
| FPL Group | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Federal Express | 79¾ | 80 |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 36 | 36¼ |
| First Bk Sys | 65¼ | 65½ |
| First Union Rlty | 7¼ | 7 |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Fluor Corp | 62¾ | 61¾ |
| Ford Motor | 31½ | 31¼ |
| GTE Corp | 41¼ | 41¾ |
| Gannett | 74¾ | 74¾ |
| Gap Inc Del | 29¼ | 29¾ |
| Gencorp | 16¼ | 16¼ |
| Gen Dynamics | 69¾ | 70¼ |
| Gen Electric | 95¾ | 95¾ |
| Gen Mills | 58¼ | 59¾ |
| Gen Motors | 54¾ | 54¾ |
| Gen Reinsurance | 144¾ | 144¼ |
| Gen Signal | 41¼ | 41¾ |
| Genuine Parts | 43¾ | 43¾ |
| Georgia Pac | 74¼ | 75¾ |
| Gillette | 74¾ | 74¼ |
| Glaxo Wellc ADR | 32 | 32¾ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 43¼ | 43¾ |
| Goodyear Tire | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| Gt Atl Pac Tea | 31¼ | 31¾ |
| Great Wstn Fin | 27¾ | 27¾ |
| Halliburton | 59¾ | 60¼ |
| Harcourt General | 51¾ | 51¼ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 35¼ | 35¾ |
| Hercules | 48¾ | 50¾ |
| Hershey Foods | 47¼ | 48¾ |
| Hewlett Packard | 45¼ | 46¼ |
| Hilton Hotels | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Home Depot | 56¼ | 57¼ |
| Homestake Mng | 14¼ | 14¾ |
| Honeywell | 60¾ | 60¼ |
| Household Intl | 85¾ | 85¾ |
| Houston Inds | 22¼ | 23 |
| Humana | 18¼ | 18¼ |
| ITT Corp | 43¼ | 42¼ |
| Illinois Tool | 71¼ | 71¼ |
| Illinova | 26¾ | 26¾ |
| INCO | 31¼ | 31¼ |
| Ingersoll Rand | 45¼ | 45¾ |
| Inland Steel | 16¼ | 16¾ |
| Intel Corp | 106¾ | 105¼ |
| IBM | 126¼ | 127 |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Intl Paper | 42 | 42¾ |
| James River Va | 28¼ | 28¾ |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 49¾ | 49¾ |
| Kellogg | 67 | 67¼ |
| Kerr-McGee | 62¼ | 63 |
| Kimberly-Clark | 88¾ | 89¾ |
| Kmart | 10¼ | 10¼ |
| Knight-Ridder | 36¼ | 36¾ |
| Lilly (Eli) | 66¾ | 69¼ |
| Limited Inc | 19¼ | 19¼ |
| Lincoln Nat | 48¾ | 48¼ |
| Litton | 46¼ | 47¼ |
| Liz Claiborne | 44 | 43¾ |
| Lockheed Martin | 89¾ | 91¼ |
| Louisiana Pac | 21¼ | 21¼ |
| MCI Comm | 24¼ | 25 |
| Marriott Intl | 58¼ | 58¼ |
| Marsh & McLnn | 101¼ | 100¼ |
| Masco Corp | 31 | 31 |
| May Dept St | 47 | 47¼ |
| Maytag Corp | 20¾ | 20¼ |
| McDonalds | 44¼ | 44¾ |
| McDonnell D | 53¼ | 54¼ |
| McGraw Hill | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Mead Corp | 55¼ | 56¼ |
| Medtronic | 63¾ | 64¼ |
| Mellon Bk | 64¾ | 63 |
| Melville Corp | 37¾ | 38¼ |
| Merck Inc | 75 | 75¾ |
| Merrill Lynch | 68¼ | 67¾ |
| Microsoft | 133¾ | 132¾ |
| Minnesota Mine | 70¾ | 71¾ |
| Mobil Corp | 118¼ | 119¾ |
| Monsanto | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Morgan JP | 85 | 86¼ |
| Motorola Inc | 48¼ | 49¾ |
| Natl Semi | 19¼ | 17¼ |
| Natl Service Ind | 37¼ | 34¼ |
| Navistar Intl | 9¼ | 9¾ |
| NY Times A | 35¼ | 34¾ |
| Newmont Mng | 45¾ | 46¼ |
| Niag Mohawk | 8¼ | 8¼ |
| Nike B | 120¾ | 121¼ |
| NL Industries | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Noram Energy | 15¼ | 15¼ |
| Nordstrm | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 93 | 94¼ |
| Nthn State Pwr | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| Norwest Corp | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Nynex Corp | 43¼ | 43¾ |
| Occidental Pet | 24¼ | 25¼ |
| Ohio Edison | 20¼ | 20¾ |

| | Oct 23 midday | Oct 22 close |
|---|---|---|
| Oracle | 41¼ | 42 |
| Oryx Energy Co | 19¼ | 19¼ |
| Overseas Ship | 16¼ | 16¼ |
| Owens Corning | 38¼ | 36¼ |
| PHH Corp | 31¼ | 31 |
| PPG Industries | 56¼ | 56¼ |
| PNC Bank | 35¼ | 35¼ |
| PP&L Res | 22¼ | 22¼ |
| Paccar Inc | 57¼ | 57¾ |
| Pacificorp | 20¼ | 20¼ |
| Pac Enterprises | 30¼ | 30¼ |
| Pac Gas & Elect | 23¼ | 23¼ |
| Pac Telesis | 35 | 35¾ |
| Pall Corp | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Parker Hannifin | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| Peco Energy | 24 | 24¼ |
| Penney (JC) | 51¾ | 52¼ |
| Pennzoil | 53¼ | 53¾ |
| Pepsico | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Pfizer | 83 | 84¼ |
| Pharm & Upjhn | 36¼ | 36¼ |
| Phelps Dodge | 63¼ | 64¼ |
| Philip Morris | 93 | 92¼ |
| Phillips Pet | 42 | 42¼ |
| Pitney Bowes | 54 | 54¼ |
| Polaroid | 41¼ | 42¼ |
| PriceCostco | 19¼ | 20¼ |
| Procter & Gmbl | 95¼ | 97¼ |
| Providian | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Pub Serv E & G | 26¼ | 27 |
| Quaker Oats | 36¼ | 36¾ |
| Ralston Purina | 68¼ | 68¾ |
| Raychem Corp | 74 | 74¾ |
| Raytheon | 49¾ | 49¼ |
| Reebok Intl | 35¼ | 35¾ |
| Reynolds Metals | 56¼ | 57 |
| Rockwell Intl | 56¼ | 57¼ |
| Rohm & Haas | 69¾ | 69¼ |
| Royal Dutch | 171 | 171¼ |
| Rubbermaid | 23¼ | 23¼ |
| SBC Comms | 50 | 50¼ |
| Safeco Corp | 36¼ | 37¼ |
| St Paul's Cos | 54¼ | 55¼ |
| Salomon Inc | 45 | 45¾ |
| Sara Lee Corp | 36¼ | 36¼ |
| Schering Plough | 64¼ | 65¼ |
| Schlumberger | 96¼ | 96¾ |
| Seagram | 37¾ | 36¼ |
| Sears Roebuck | 48¼ | 48¼ |
| Shell Trans | 101¾ | 101¼ |
| Sherwin Wllms | 51¼ | 51¼ |
| Skyline Corp | 28 | 28 |
| Snap-On-Tools | 32¼ | 33¼ |
| Southern Co | 22 | 22¼ |
| Sprint Corp | 39¼ | 39¼ |
| Stanley Works | 28 | 28¼ |
| Sun Company | 24¼ | 24¼ |
| Sun Microsys | 58¼ | 59¾ |
| Suntrust | 44¼ | 44¾ |
| Supervalu | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Sysco Corp | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| TRW Inc | 90¾ | 90¼ |
| TCC Inds | 1¼ | 1¼ |
| Tandem Comp | 11¼ | 11¼ |
| Tandy Corp | 40¼ | 40¼ |
| Temple Inland | 50¾ | 50¼ |
| Tenneco | 49¾ | 49¾ |
| Texaco | 103¼ | 104¾ |
| Texas Inst | 51¼ | 51¼ |
| Texas Utilities | 39 | 39¾ |
| Textron | 88¾ | 88¾ |
| Time Warner | 39¼ | 40 |
| Times-Mirror A | 44¼ | 41¼ |
| Timken | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Torchmark | 47¼ | 48¼ |
| Toys R Us | 32¼ | 32¼ |
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| Tribune | 81¼ | 81¼ |
| Tyco Intl | 48¾ | 48¼ |
| UST Inc | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| UAL | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| US Inds | 26¼ | 27¼ |
| US West Comm | 30¾ | 30¼ |
| USX Marathon | 23¼ | 23¼ |
| Unicom | 25¾ | 25¼ |
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| Unisys Corp | 6¼ | 6¾ |
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| US Life | 30¼ | 30¼ |
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| Warner-Lambert | 65¼ | 65¼ |
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| Weyerhaeuser | 45¾ | 46 |
| Whirlpool | 47¼ | 48¼ |
| Whitman | 24¼ | 24 |
| Winn Dixie | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| Woolworth | 21¼ | 22 |
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# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## PH factor with clout

YOU HAVE waited in line, eaten your fill of Stallone-flavoured nachos, and now is your chance to sign up for a Planet Hollywood Visa credit card.

Robert Earl, the multimillionaire, is offering celebrity groupies the chance to sweep past the patient crowds that queue outside his restaurant chain with one flash of their PH credit card. Every purchase with a PH credit card gives entry to a sweepstake to attend one of the many PH openings around the world.

An autographed T-shirt, priority seating and money off PH merchandise are among the other perks on offer, not to mention the status factor.

## Sell-by dates

PITY THE strapped-for-cash building societies committed to mutuality. This time it's the turn of the Portman where its savers are being asked to make a donation for the society's calendar in a bid to raise money for the Cancer Research Campaign. Until now, Portman's calendars have been distributed free and such was the demand that heated arguments would frequently break out in branches. Let's see if the demand keeps up.

## Southern comfort

REDUNDANCY can have positive family benefits, especially if you live in the South, according to a survey by DBM, the outplacement consultancy. It explains, somewhat simplistically, that people in the South commute further to work and therefore have longer working days than their northern counterparts, concluding that "redundancy allows southern executives to see more of their family than when they were working".

'I think it means two draws per week'

## Road aside

LOFTUS ROAD, the owners of QPR Football Club and Wasps rugby union team, appears to have scored a bit of an own goal with the prospectus for its £28.8 million AIM flotation. In its haste to beat the whistle, Charles Levison, the acting chief executive, was wrongly quoted as a non-executive director. Peel Hunt, the stockbrokers sponsoring the float, said Mr Levison's elevation to an executive role came too late to be included in the prospectus distributed on Tuesday. Loftus Road had hoped to appoint a full-time chief executive in time for the float. Meanwhile, Levison, deputy chairman of Chrysalis, is being paid £100,000 for his advice on the Loftus Road float.

## Software soap

CITY insomniacs will be glued to their TV screens next month when the first business soap opera goes on air. The pre-breakfast serial, called *20 Steps to Better Management — The Drama*, centres around office politics at Redware, a fast-growing software company recently taken over by Softex, a multinational. It comes as no surprise to hear that the producer, Marc Wright, was at one time busily engaged in writing speeches for Sir Rocco Forte.

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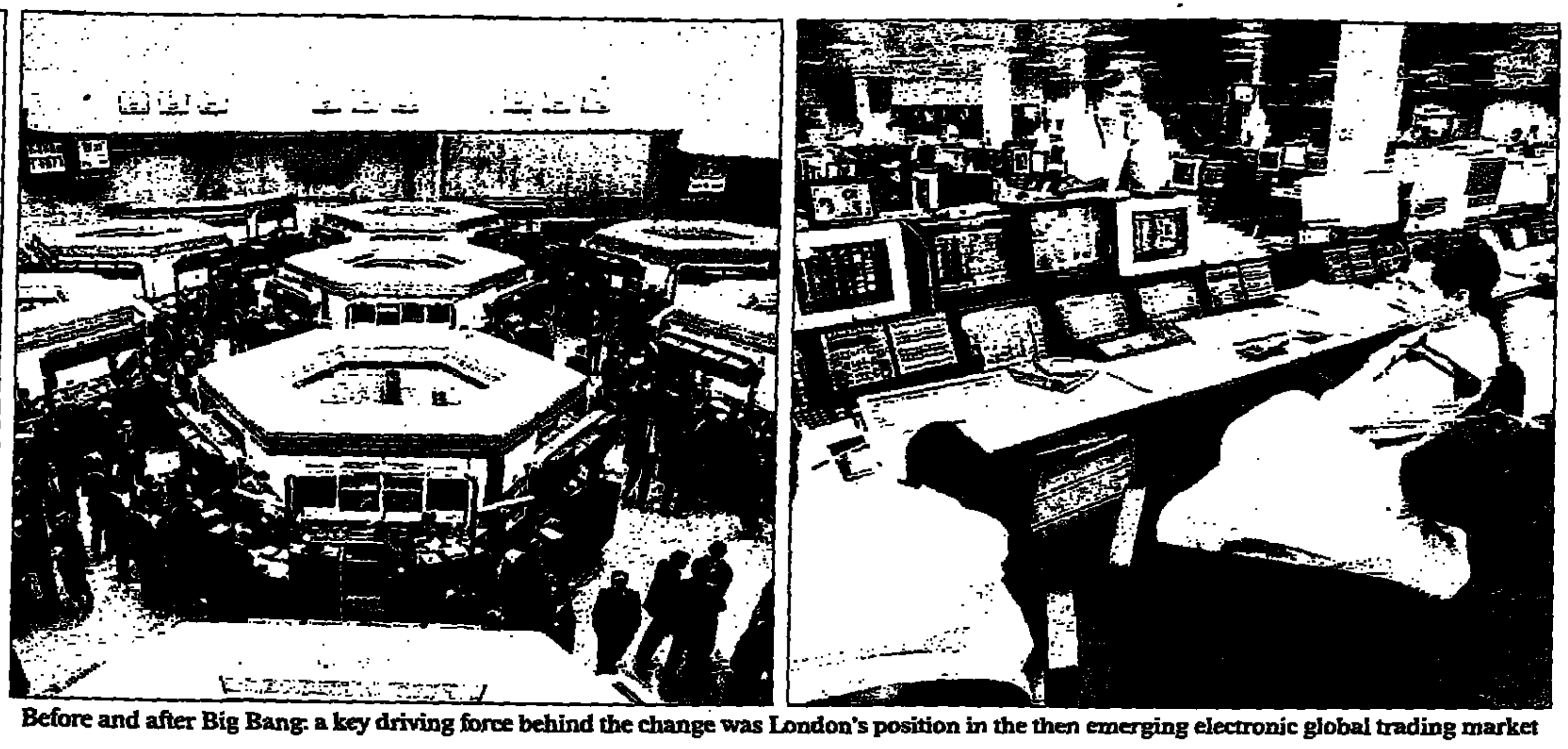

Before and after Big Bang: a key driving force behind the change was London's position in the then emerging electronic global trading market

# Big Bang: the market revolution yet to come

Ten years on, **Robert Miller** detects signs that the London Stock Exchange has woken up

Sir Nicholas Goodison reached an agreement

Gavin Casey wants a new order-driven system

It is perhaps fitting that the tenth anniversary of the City's Big Bang should fall on Sunday, October 27. It will give those who pursue the goals of Mammon a chance to reflect on what the electronic trading system has actually achieved.

Big Bang was born out of a series of events that go back to a decade earlier and, as is so often the case, it was the threat of lengthy litigation that acted as the catalyst.

In 1976, the Restrictive Trade Practices Act was extended to cover service industries with the result that the Stock Exchange was obliged to register its rule book with the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). Two years later, the Government decided to take the exchange to the special Restrictive Practices court.

The OFT considered the rules contained restrictions on trade in three main areas, including the operation of a scale of minimum commissions in 1976 and restrictions on membership to what was the City's most exclusive club. If it had gone to court the case might have been the longest civil action in British legal history.

In the event, Sir Nicholas Goodison, then exchange chairman, and Cecil, now Lord, Parkinson, who was Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, reached an out-of-court agreement in 1983 and the exchange undertook to abolish the system of minimum commissions by the end of 1986.

As a follow-on, members became free to charge their clients commission on a negotiable basis rather than the old fixed commission practice, enabling institutions and private investors to be courted on the basis of charges and the services provided.

But an even more important driving force behind Big Bang was London's position the then emerging electronic global trading market. There were those who feared that without a more free and open market London would lose out to Paris and Frankfurt. The other drastic rule change was the ending of the separation of member firms into brokers and jobbers. Under the new system, all firms became broker/dealers able to act as agency brokers representing clients in the market, or principals, buying and selling shares on their own account.

In October 1986 London was suddenly the place to be if you were in the serious money business. The American and French investment houses were piling into London buying up old-established stockbroking firms regardless of often irreconcilable cultural differences. Even more alarming, however, were the tens of millions of pounds spent on computer systems in preparation for the electronic revolution that Big Bang heralded. Much of it was completely useless. And nowhere was money spent on technology to such poor effect over the next few years than by the exchange itself.

It was not until March 1993 that even the exchange abandoned successive computer projects and scrapped the ill-fated Taurus electronic settlement of shares and registration system, at a cost of at least £70 million. The true cost from 1985/86 to 1993 was probaby well over £100 million.

The new world of Big Bang was also supposed to herald a new era of low-cost dealing services for private investors newly attracted to equity investment by privatisation issues such as British Gas and BT. That did happen, but only after a long struggle by firms such as ShareLink and Barclays Stockbrokers.

Big Bang may have been slow off the mark, but by the next year market forces had taken over and the stock market was being driven ever higher. It all came to grief in October 1987 when the stock market crashed and dealing was suspended. At this point the back-office settlement systems broke down, in many cases overwhelmed by paperwork. The authorities were forced to act and stockbroking firms were allowed shorter trading days to sort out the mess.

The exchange was also riven with factional in-fighting. The powerful players wanted everything their own way and were prepared to fight for their own vested interests rather than those of the market as a whole. This led to changes at the top of the exchange and a relatively rapid turnover of chief executives. The last such change was the sudden sacking in January this year of Michael Lawrence after less than two years in office.

Mr Lawrence told the Commons Treasury Select Committee in February he believed he was sacked because of opposition by the City's leading market-making houses to his proposed introduction of an electronic order-matching system of share trading. The exchange denied that was the case and said he was dismissed because he had lost the confidence of the board.

The Lawrence affair was preceeded by an equally controversial battle over Tradepoint. In 1995 Tradepoint announced that it was to introduce an electronic order-driven market in which brokers, market-makers and institutions could participate equally and anonomously.

The start-up date for Tradepoint, which received a licence as a recognised investment exchange, was set for September 21. But in a fit of pique and after behind-the-scenes lobbying failed the exchange did not alter the rules in time although Tradepoint did start on the due date. The exchange was then forced to rush through the changes retrospectively.

At that point and up to the Lawrence dismissal it was open talk in the City that the time had come for the Stock Exchange to be replaced. Its ability to detect and prosecute insider dealers and other general market abuses was limited and many of the smaller market participants became increasingly angry at what they believed was a cosy old boys' network operating a cartel at their expense.

There are now, however, signs that the exchange has woken up to the 1990s and may after all survive to oversee Big Bang Mark 2. This summer Gavin Casey, the new chief executive, unveiled plans for a new order-driven share trading system and a strategy to attract more foreign companies to list in London.

The insider dealing unit has a new artifical intelligence monitoring system and the Alternative Investment Market has proved successful in helping smaller companies to raise muchneeded capital.

Big Bang did not in the end herald the revolution that many predicted. That will come in the next ten years.

### MARKET MILESTONES

**October 27, 1986:** Big Bang goes live. Face-to-face dealing on the exchange floor effectively ceases.
**April 1987:** Exchange/Treasury survey shows there are 8.5 million private shareholders in the UK.
**June 29, 1987:** Record £4.2 billion shares traded in a day.
**October 16, 1987:** Market trading curtailed after hurricane.
**October 19, 1987:** Black Monday. FT-SE 100 index falls 249 points.
**March 1988:** Sir Nicholas Goodison announces his intention to stand down as the chairman of the Stock Exchange at the end of the year.
**July 8, 1988:** Andrew Hugh Smith elected chairman-designate of the exchange.
**November 1989:** Peter Rawlins takes over as chief executive.
**December 1990:** Regulatory news service introduced.
**October 1991:** New board of directors replaces the old-style member firm council.
**March 1992:** Ending of individual membership.
**November 1992:** Boris Yeltsin visits the exchange.
**March 1993:** Taurus settlement and registration system scrapped at cost of at least £70 million.
**February 1994:** Michael Lawrence appointed chief executive.
**July 1994:** Rolling settlement introduced.
**June 1995:** Alternative Investment Market effectively replaces USM.
**January 1996:** Michael Lawrence dismissed as chief executive.
**August 1996:** Gavin Casey takes over as chief executive.

## Famous names from the past

THE famous families that were synonymous with the old-fashioned world of City stockbroking largely disappeared at the time of Big Bang.

Some firms were swallowed up immediately while others survived, on the letterhead at least, for a while longer. In many cases, the old partners sold out their family firms for huge sums to the large UK banks and overseas investment houses from the US and France. Later the Swiss and Germans (Morgan Grenfell and Kleinwort Benson) moved in while the Japanese started from scratch.

Those that have all but disappeared include Wood Mackenzie, now NatWest Markets, and Rowe & Pitman, which has ended up with Swiss Bank Corp, now known as SBC Warburg.

Smith New Court has ended up as Merrill Lynch and a former SNC director, Gavin Casey, became chief executive of the exchange this summer.

Perhaps the most famous grouping of names is now known as BZW, which combines the de Zoets of de Zoet & Bevan and the Durlachers of Wedd Durlacher.

Wedd Durlacher was founded in 1908. In those days the firm not only dealt in rubber shares and plantations but the physical cargo as well.

When the First World War ended it had a cargo of what until then had been precious rubber in the Suez Canal en route to Britain. When the steamship docked at Port Said the captain was instructed: "Burn the rubber and keep the coke."

# Speech's silence gives societies impetus along conversion path

The financial services sector is facing a spell of further upheaval, say **Sara McConnell** and **Marianne Curphey**

By this time next year the country may have at least four more banks, the Halifax, Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock. The failure of the Building Societies Bill to make it into the Queen's Speech could well push more societies the same way. The Bill would have freed societies from much of the red tape still constraining their business activities and would arguably have been an incentive to stay mutual.

Today, the Halifax takes a step further towards bank status with a Stock Exchange announcement setting out further details of its conversion timetable and share dealing arrangements. But societies are realising that conversion is not an easy path, though the eventual rewards, particularly for the board, can be great.

Halifax members are increasingly impatient with the long wait for conversion and bonus payouts. It is 18 months since the society took over the Leeds Permanent as a first stage in the conversion process. Originally, the society aimed to float early in 1997, but nothing will happen until the summer.

The society fiercely denies reports that the conversion may not go ahead. It also denied analysts' suggestions of internal "jitters" over the restructuring needed to accommodate recent acquisitions. David Gilchrist, general manager, says the society may have "given the wrong impression" by not wanting to be too specific about dates. The society will tell the Exchange that it will publish its transfer document in January. The special general meeting at which members must vote will be in late February. Members will be contacted next month to be told how much they had in their accounts in November 1994, the first of the two qualifying dates. The second will be the date of the special meeting.

What will be missing from the announcement, however, is any information on the size of bonuses. This will be announced early next year.

If the conversion goes ahead, the Halifax will be a bank worth an estimated £9 billion. The society's size makes the prospect of a takeover bid in the run-up to conversion less likely.

The other three prospective banks could also be takeover targets when they publish their transfer documents early next year. The Prudential, Britain's largest insurer, is understood to be looking closely at the possibility of taking over a building society. Rob Thomas, building society analyst at UBS, says: "The Pru would be a good fit. The management seem to have come to the conclusion that a branch network is necessary." However, the Prudential is known to regret its earlier frankness about its ambitions to buy a building society "with 400 branches", because it led the market to expect an announcement within months.

Other banks understood to be interested include the Royal Bank of Scotland and NatWest.

The Woolwich could have weakened its defences against a prospective takeover, after the resignation of Peter Robinson, chief executive, in inauspicious circumstances at the start of the year, Mr Thomas suggests.

The Alliance & Leicester, however, is lying so low that it will give no information beyond saying members will be contacted next month.

The Northern Rock, the self-confessed surprise converter of the year, would be a more straightforward takeover. Its transfer document will be out next spring with conversion planned towards the end of the year.

The problem with any attempted hostile takeover, however, would be that the only way a predator can technically contact members is through the board, which alone is able to put any proposal to a vote of the membership. Going public directly to members through the press immediately raises the stakes and the cost, a move which would not be well received by the City.

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Further upheaval is expected in the insurance industry, which has so far seen the purchase of Provident Mutual by General Accident, the merger of Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance, and the merger of United Friendly and Refuge Assurance. No one in the sector believes that the wave of consolidation is over. Banks and building societies have been steadily encroaching on each other's territory, and both are keen to build up their presence in the lucrative arena of asset management.

While all insurance companies, whatever their size, have been forced to consider whether mergers or takeovers would be in the interest of their shareholders and policyholders, a handful of names keep being tipped as the ones to watch.

These are Legal & General, rumoured to have been stalked by NatWest, and Friends Provident, the life mutual, which can survive alone while equity markets are good but will be forced to look for a parent if times become hard.

Another is Guardian Royal Exchange, regarded as the weak man of the composite sector. Insurance brokers would like to absorb its general insurance business and sell its life company, while life companies would probably wish to do the opposite.

Other companies looking to expand are BAT Financial Services, the National Australia Bank, which would like to make an acquisition in the UK, and a number of German banks, which have been watching the UK market with interest.

## BUSINESS LETTERS

### Investment and a prayer necessary

*From Mr Jonathan Ward*

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (October 11) has drawn an excellent chart of the sea and the "rocks" ahead, but it might be worthwhile to recall the West German experience of 1965-1990 when the mark appreciated from DM11.50 to DM3 to the pound without the diminution of exports. In the same period British exporters faced high domestic inflation, high interest rates and overrated sterling. Thus, the decline of UK world trade share.

West German exporters had to overcome the loss of competitiveness from the appreciating mark; their answer was consistent capital investment which resulted in lower unit costs, improved quality and productivity. Let us hope with the continuing expectations for a prudently managed economy that British manufacturing will follow the German example, in which case only an occasional prayer may be needed.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN WARD,
c/o The Annabelle Hotel,
Paphos, Cyprus.

### In line with contracts

*From Mr Denis Conlon*

Sir, The report in *The Times* (October 21) that four directors had left Miller Freeman plc without being offered compensation is incorrect.

Each of the directors has been offered compensation in line with his contractual entitlements.

Yours sincerely,
DENIS CONLON
(Managing Director),
Miller Freeman plc,
30 Calderwood Street, SE18.

### Star searching

*From Mr David Levaggi*

Sir, Both Pennington and letters page correspondents (October 1) appear not to have heard of the First Law of Thermodynamics or its consequences. Energy can only be obtained from something having energy, ie, nothing is free. I suspect their disgruntlement arises from a failure to receive three-star service for a one-star maintenance fee.

As a three-star client, on the odd occasion that I have needed service from British Gas, the response has been immediate and an engineer has arrived within 20 minutes or so. Admittedly, my home is very easily accessed, unlike the Yorkshire village which I had to visit last week.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LEVAGGI,
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## American healthfood chain sets up in UK

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

GENERAL Nutrition Centres, a US healthfood chain, opens its first British store today and plans to have a further 15 stores here by the end of February.

Its first shop is in Bristol. Tt will then open in Oxford at the end of this month, followed by Gloucester and Bath. Other stores will then open in the Midlands and the South West.

The company plans to invest £11 million on rental and shop fitting next year. The stores will sell vitamins, healthfoods and herbal remedies and will compete with Holland & Barrett, which is owned by Lloyds Chemists.

Holland & Barrett is expected to come up for sale if Lloyds is taken over by UniChem, which has made a bid, or Gehe, of Germany, which is expected to bid soon.

The American company has 2,651 stores in 16 countries. It is using the Health & Diet Group, a British firm acquired last year, to launch in the UK. In the long run, it hopes to open up to 400 stores here.

Greg Horn, senior vice-president of sales and marketing of the Pittsburg-based General Nutrition Companies, which trades as General Nutrition Centres, said he saw great potential in the UK market.

# Management blamed for increase in receiverships

BY NOEL FUNG

DESPITE a slight increase in the number of receiverships in the third quarter, strong evidence pointed to renewed consumer confidence in the economy, a KPMG report said.

Between July and September, KPMG recorded 347 receiverships, up by 13, or 3.9 per cent, compared with last quarter's 334, which was the lowest figure in five years. Receivership numbers in the second quarter fell 24 per cent compared with the first quarter and 26 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

KPMG dispelled fear that the slight rebound marked the start of an upward trend. The year-on-year figure was down 16.6 per cent as there were 416 receiverships in the same period last year.

"Compared with the early 1990s we are now seeing a very much lower number of receiverships," said Mike Wheeler, KPMG's head of corporate recovery. The failures were not casualties of economic recession, said KPMG. Instead, they were results of poor management, inadequate funding and resources, and an inability to adapt to market changes.

"I do not believe that the increases seen over the past three months can be attributed to any fundamental weaknesses in the economy," Mr Wheeler said.

The total number of receiverships in 1995 reached 1,781. So far this year, only 1,125 have been recorded. In the third quarter, all regions except the South East and South Wales experienced increases. A year-on-year comparison shows that corporate failures fell in all regions except the Midlands and the North East.

A sectoral breakdown revealed that manufacturers accounted for the bulk of receiverships (27 per cent), followed by retailers (15 per cent), and construction businesses (14 per cent).

Mr Wheeler said companies should capitalise on the favourable operating environment "if they are to survive and grow".

Among all the regions recording a rise in the number of receiverships, the North East and Scotland showed the largest percentage increases, 42.5 per cent and 46 per cent respectively. Yet, in actual terms, the increase was only from 40 to 57 in the North East and from 15 to 22 in Scotland. "They are fairly small companies," a KPMG spokesman said.

In tune: Simon Freedman, founder and executive chairman of Sound & Vision, the retailer of Bang & Olufsen audio, video and television equipment, is proposing to raise £960,000 through a share offer. The company's shares are being offered at 75p each, valuing the company at about £3.3 million. Dealings on the Ofex market are expected to begin on December 6. The company has three showroom's in London's West End, Cheltenham and Reading and intends to establish a chain of 23 showrooms in the United Kingdom by the end of 1998, with a further ten outlets added by the turn of the century.

## Premier Oil pressed to raise Discovery bid

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

PREMIER OIL, the UK oil and gas company, is under pressure to increase its A$92 million takeover bid for Australia's Discovery Petroleum after Oil Search, a company with interests in Papua New Guinea, raised the prospect of making a rival offer.

Oil Search acquired its interest at 75 cents a share four days after Premier tabled a 70 cents-a-share offer for Discovery. Its board rejected the offer, which then represented a 23 per cent premium to the market price, as "inadequate".

☐ *Premier Oil is buying for $33 million the outstanding shares of Idemitsu Pakistan Oil Exploration Company, whose sole asset is a 15.79 per cent interest in the Kadanwari gasfield, whose output is used for power generation in Karachi.*

## Volkswagen figures accelerate

Volkswagen, Europe's largest car manufacturer, reported a 56 per cent rise in pre-tax profits over the first nine months of the year and said that it was heading for higher full-year earnings and sales.

Pre-tax profits rose to DM1.48 billion, from DM948 million. Group sales were 14.2 per cent higher, at a record DM74.49 billion.

The company said that its net profits rose to DM465 million, from DM185 million.

Volkswagen said that car production rose by 8.7 per cent, to 2.74 million units, while worldwide deliveries to customers rose by 12.6 per cent, to 2.99 million units.

## Plunge in Volvo operating profit

Volvo, the Swedish vehicle manufacturer, suffered a sharp fall in operating profits in the first nine months of this year. Operating profits plunged to SKr2.32 billion (£221 million), from SKr8.84 billion, after a 12 per cent fall in sales, to SKr113.6 billion.

Volvo incurred heavy losses in the truck market in North America and said that it faced intense price competition in other markets. The company also said that it had absorbed high development costs.

The car division's operating income fell to SKr573 million, from SKr1.93 billion, with sales down to SKr59.83 billion, from SKr63.15 billion.

At pre-tax level, group profits rose by 12 per cent, to SKr12.03 billion, aided by a SKr7.8 billion gain from the sale of Volvo's holding in Pharmacia-Upjohn, the pharmaceutical group.

## Ex-Lands buys retail site

Ex-Lands Properties is buying a retail, leisure and office development at Hanley, Staffordshire, for £3.95 million in cash and shares. The vendor is Buxstat, a private company controlled by Martin Myers, deputy chairman of Imry Holdings. The shares issued to Buxstat represent 6.4 per cent of Ex-Land's share capital.

Ex-Land, which demerged Clubhaus, its leisure business, earlier this year, yesterday reported a £55,000 pre-tax loss for the year to June 30, after provisions of £3.1 million, against profits of £1 million previously. The dividend for the year is held at 0.5p.

## Italy set to cut discount rate

The Bank of Italy will today cut the official discount rate to 7.5 per cent, from 8.25 per cent. The last change to the rate was on July 23, when it was cut by 75 basis points.

The move is sure to be welcomed by the centre-left Government of Romano Prodi, which is keen to see official rates fall to help to cut interest repayments on Italy's huge debt mountain.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Irish Permanent in £10m deal for CHL

IRISH PERMANENT, the biggest mortgage lender in the Republic of Ireland, has extended its British operations by acquiring Capital Home Loans, (CHL), the London-based subsidiary of Credit Foncier, the French bank. The Irish company paid £10.1 million for the net assets of CHL plus a premium of 1.25 per cent or £2.5 million for its mortgage portfolio of £200 million, giving a total of £12.6 million. Capital Home Loans is a first mortgage lender and markets its products through a network of intermediaries in England and Wales.

Roy Douglas, Irish Permanent's chief executive, said the company plans to amalgamate CHL with its existing, small branch network in London. Irish Permanent's current mortgage portfolio in Britain stands at around £75 million. "The combination of Irish Permanent's product development expertise together with CHL's experience in the UK broker market and its distribution capabilities will position Irish Permanent to capitalise on the improving UK mortgage market," he said.

## Ocean Wilsons declines

OCEAN WILSONS HOLDINGS, the shipping and port services company registered in Bermuda, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £917,000 from £4 million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend is held at 1p a share, payable from earnings that fell to 1.73p a share from 6.14p. The shares fell 6p to 76½p yesterday. The fall in profits reflected difficult trading conditions in Brazil, where most of the company's assets are held. Turnover was almost unchanged at £38.4 million (£38.7 million) but operating profits fell to £969,000 from £3.6 million.

## Ross Group plan pays

ROSS GROUP, the diversified industrial group, said it was reaping significant benefits from a restructuring initiated in April 1995. Yesterday the company reported an operating profit of £454,000 from continuing businesses for the half year to June 30, up from £209,000 previously. Borrowings were reduced to £7.8 million from £12.6 million and the interest charge fell to £432,000 from £720,000. At the pre-tax level losses were reduced to £292,000 from £2.4 million. The loss per share was 0.25p (1.72p loss). There is again no interim dividend.

## Oil earnings lift DuPont

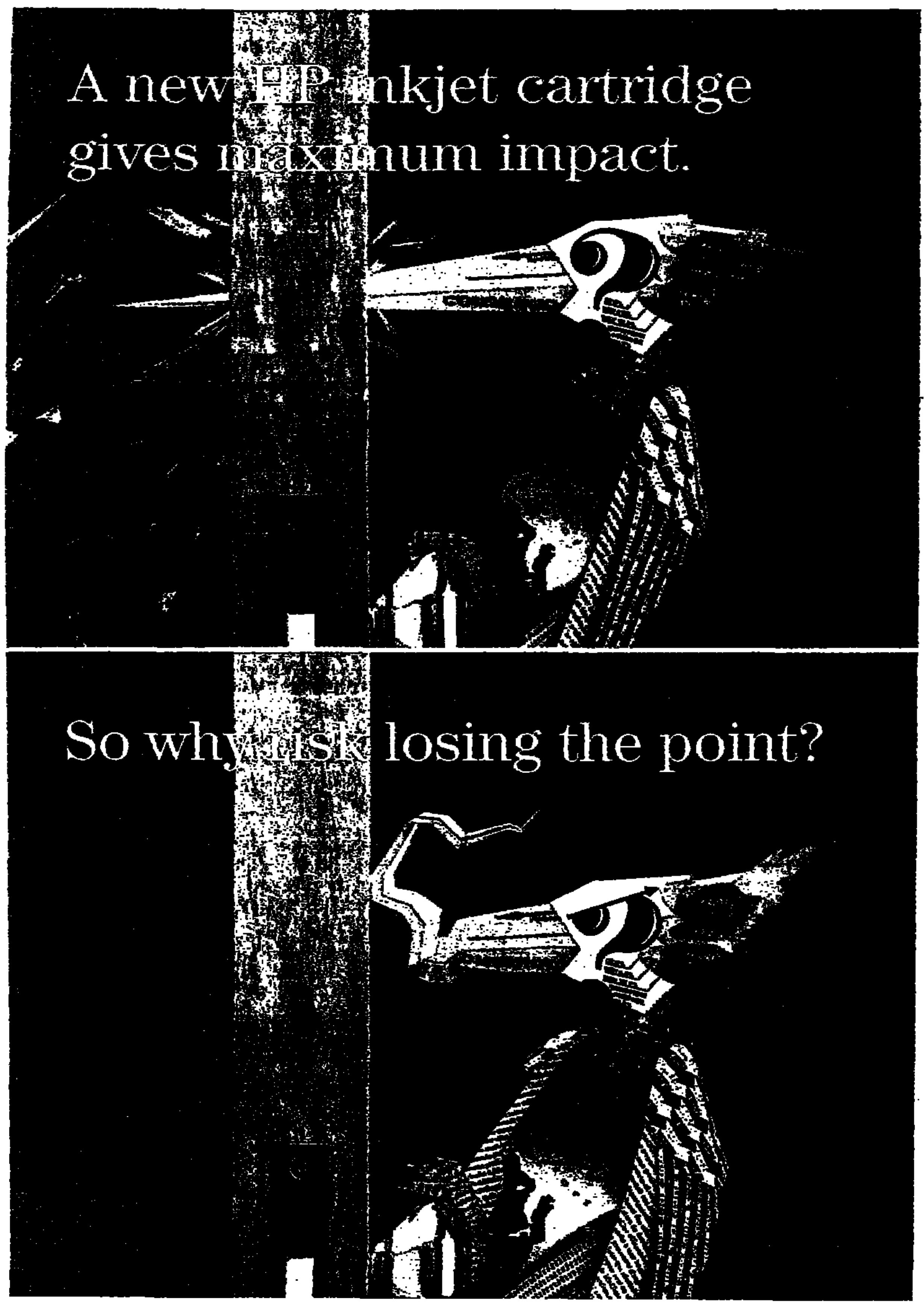
DUPONT CO, America's biggest chemical company, enjoyed a 17 per cent rise in third-quarter earnings, to $898 million from $769 million, on the strength of its oil business and solid sales of some chemicals. Earnings at DuPont's Conoco oil subsidiary were especially strong, boosted by higher crude oil prices and increased production. Operating profits rose 47 per cent to the highest level since the first quarter of 1991, the company said. Oil prices averaged $19.85 a barrel in the quarter, up 25 per cent. Domestic natural gas prices rose 45 per cent.

## Mondas heads for AIM

MONDAS, the computer software company, is set to join the Alternative Investment Market, capitalised at £4.52 million. The company was formed in 1991 by Tim Simon, formerly head of Quotient. Mondas is raising £909,000, through a placing of 2 million shares at 75p each, to expand its sales and marketing capacity, fund capital expenditure requirements and to provide additional working capital. The company specialises in business management software under the Radica banner, which is used to assist firms' administrative routines or customer services.

## Ethical in £3.9m loss

ETHICAL HOLDINGS, the UK pharmaceutical development company whose shares trade on the Nasdaq market in the United States, increased its expenditure on research and development by 32 per cent, to £10.4 million, in the year to August 31. The company, which specialises in drug-delivery systems such as controlled-release tablets and transdermal patches, incurred an operating loss of £3.9 million after an exceptional charge of £7.9 million for the repurchase of product rights. In the preceding year the company had earned profits of £3.9 million.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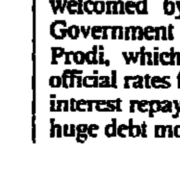

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## MINING

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## RETAILERS, GENERAL

## SUPPORT SERVICES

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## TEXTILES & APPAREL

## TRANSPORT

## WATER

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 631 | 512 | Anglian | 534½ | + 4 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 705 | 656 | Hyder | 678 | - 1½ | 7.1 | 9.8 |
| 109 | 96 | Hyder Con Pfd | 104½ | + ¼ | 9.4 | .. |
| 805 | 420 | Mid-Kent Hldgs | 597½ | | 5.0 | 10.3 |
| 680 | 515 | Severn Trent | 576 | - 9 | 7.0 | 6.4 |
| 2735 | 2375 | South Staffs | 2730 | | 3.5 | 14.4 |
| 731 | 499 | South West | 701 | + 21 | 5.4 | 9.0 |
| 580 | 529 | Thames | 536½ | - 2½ | 6.6 | 7.2 |
| 633 | 529 | Utd Utilities | 561 | - 4 | 6.4 | 11.3 |
| 374 | 295 | Wessex | 319½ | + 3½ | 5.9 | 8.4 |
| 701 | 520 | Yorkshire | 566½ | - 5 | 6.8 | 8.2 |

## ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 87½ | 18 | Abacus Recruit | 84½ | | | |
| 213 | 95 | Cafe Inns | 195 | | 1.9 | 12.8 |
| 135 | 58 | County Gdns | 139 | - ½ | 1.3 | 13.4 |
| 1700 | 860 | Dawson Hldgs | 1675 | | 2.4 | 14.7 |
| 38½ | 14 | Freepages | 38 | + ¼ | ... | |
| 117 | 92 | Megalomedia | 98½ | | | |
| 475 | 27½ | Memory Corp | 55 | | | |
| 170 | 83½ | Old English Pub | 169 | ... | 0.7 | 73.8 |
| 449 | 282½ | Pet City | 335 | + 7½ | | |
| 595 | 520 | Southern Newsp | 562 | .. | 3.8 | 16.0 |
| 79½ | 50 | Southnd Vessls | 78½ | | 3.1 | 17.5 |
| 342 | 122 | Surrey Fr Invst | 341 | | 0.8 | . |
| 79½ | 45 | Trocadero | 59½ | + 1½ | ... | |

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### Philip Randall and Isobel Sharp on the corporate reporting paperchase

# Lessons from the changes so far

Never in the field of corporate reporting have the actions of a few caused so much paper. At least, that is how some historians may see corporate reporting developments in 1991 to 1996.

Now, based on the results of a recent Arthur Andersen survey, the annual reports of our FT-SE 100 companies are regularly exceeding 100 pages, to meet all the disclosure requirements and best practice recommendations. And, on the basis of what goes up must come down, there are a number of ideas in circulation to reduce the burden. But perhaps we should take stock of what the past five years should have taught us about managing change in the existing reporting regime. We believe that there are three big lessons.

☐ The first point has been the number of groups setting the rules. There is the DTI, the Stock Exchange, the Accounting Standards Board and its Urgent Issues Task Force, the Auditing Practices Board, the accountancy bodies, the Cadbury Committee, the Greenbury Study Group, ABI, various combinations of the aforementioned and we apologise to those we omitted. Keeping track of these has not been easy and sometimes the debates among the various groups, each perhaps working to a different agenda, have appeared more important than the issues. Surely the time is right, while we are in a period of relative calm, to ensure that the structures for divining change are clearly in place to deal with the next round.

☐ The second lesson is that we should be more organised in determining implementation dates. Even in the calmer 1996-97 reporting season, there are numerous dates to remember. FRS8, the accounting standard on related party disclosures, will be in force for the first time. DTI regulations on stating payment policies for creditors in the directors' report came in for periods ending on or after February 2, 1996. While those companies with March year-ends will have made changes in their last annual reports, those with December year-ends have something to look forward to. Stock Exchange rules on directors' remuneration best practices have various effective dates and more rules on the disclosure of directors' pension entitlements are expected soon. These, together with possible changes in the format of cash flow statements when the ASB issues shortly its revised FRS1, illustrate the present complexity. Would so much be lost if all rule-setters agreed to one implementation date a year, say December 31, and then planned their workloads either to ensure that deadline was met, or that the change waited till the next year?

☐ A third point is the need for experimentation before bringing in new rules. We know that some rule-setters, including the ASB, are already very good at testing thoroughly their ideas before launching them on an unsuspecting public. For others, the pressure for change has meant undue haste and some repenting. For example, disclosures about directors now regularly take up four or more pages in the annual report and have at times become over-zealous.

In such cases, the pressure problem might also have been compounded by a lack of will or resource to see a project through to a worthwhile conclusion. For example, can we seriously say the seven short pages of guidance to directors on reporting on internal financial control, while popular, is a model of standard setting?

Yes, we want to avoid excessive detail generated merely to quieten the pedants. But what we should have is adequately resourced standard-setters who work within a reasonable timeframe. Let's be clear. The changes in corporate reporting over the past five years have been for the good. But let us learn the lesson and do even better.

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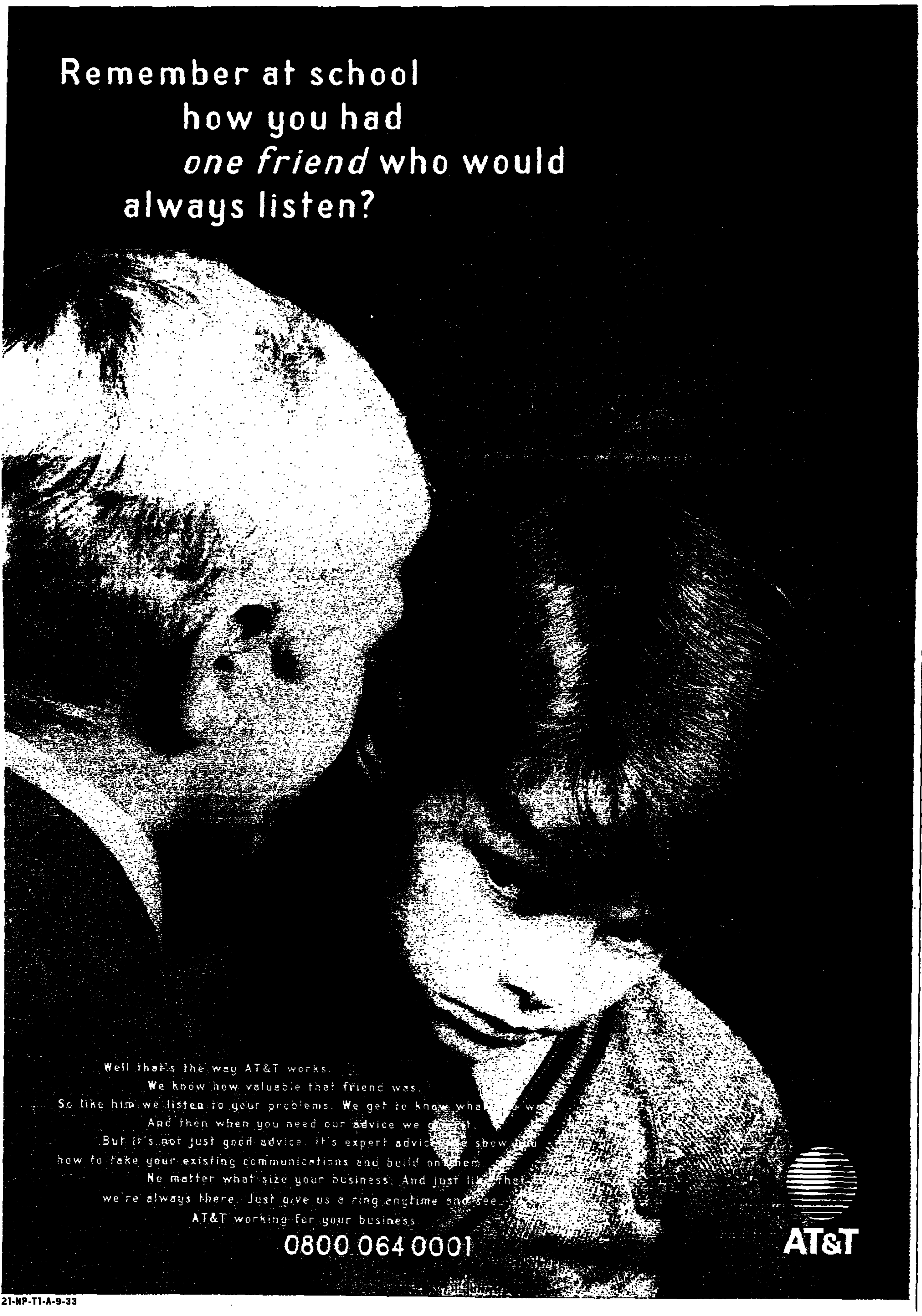
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# Five and one breed sixes and sevens

When I wrote last week that "by and large" the accountancy bodies were united over their new proposals for an independent review board to oversee the profession I did so before the fateful press conference at which they unveiled them.

It was by far the most enjoyable press conference that most of us had attended in years. But for those who were attempting to maintain a united front on the platform it was purgatory.

Everyone knew that CIMA, the management accounting body, had misgivings about one area of the proposals. The reason that the press conference unravelled was that no one had understood properly the vehemence with which CIMA's views were held.

It all started quietly enough. Chris Swinson, chairman of the working party, announced that the representatives of the six main UK accounting bodies were there to talk through the proposals. He pointed out that there was a difference of opinion about where the responsibility for the Auditing Practices Board (APB) should lie in the final structure.

This is an important point. But no one had seen it as an essential one. The APB, which operates very much as the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) does in creating regulations, principles and policies has sat awkwardly within the English ICA.

It has long been accepted that it should be independent, as the ASB is. The alternatives are that either the APB is shifted to a position of independence under the proposed new review board, or it moves in alongside the ASB under the aegis of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). Both options would provide the independence required.

Those were the arguments. Five of the six bodies agreed on the first option. CIMA went for the second. The different lines of support and the arguments for and against were detailed in a separate report. The assumption of most observers was that a compromise would be reached and CIMA would eventually agree to the majority view.

Swinson pointed out that CIMA held strong views on the subject and asked its vice-president, Norman Lyle, who is general manager, finance, at Zeneca, to outline them. This was where the problems started. Lyle had not been on the working party and until that morning had never met the other members with whom he was sharing the platform. None of the CIMA members of the working party was available, it seems. But in his speaking notes from CIMA Lyle talked of wanting to be constructive in spite of the fact that CIMA's position was unchanged.

All should have been well. But it was immediately clear that it was not. The body language told as much. Instead of addressing his comments to his fellow accountants, or to the press, Lyle made most of his remarks to a point about two thirds up the blank left-hand wall.

In a nutshell he felt that the working party's solution would not provide the independence required whereas the CIMA solution would. From there it was but a short sentence or two before he was swapping "yes it is, no it isn't" repartee with Swinson, as the other four working party members put their heads in their hands.

What made the breakdown so extraordinary was that the points at issue were all known and understood. Nothing new was being expressed. And no one could see what might be gained by having a blazing row in the midst of a press conference being held to express unity.

So there has to be an assumption that other issues lurk beneath the surface. John Chester, CIMA's chief executive, insists that this is not so. "We have gone blue in the face trying to explain our position," he said later.

But there are two possible explanations. First is that CIMA, unlike the auditing bodies, has not been through the extreme pain and criticism allied to introducing effective regulation. As one senior observer put it: "CIMA simply do not want to open the Pandora's box of joining the joint disciplinary scheme."

And the second is that CIMA, though outnumbered, simply wants more say in the matter. As a senior CIMA insider put it: "The whole of this debate is about control, the control of the profession's destiny."

Tonight sees the annual CIMA dinner in the City. Perhaps the arguments will become clearer over the port. But I doubt it.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Broad canvas for Swinson

THE events at last week's press conference to launch the proposals for a review board to keep the profession in order suggest that something stronger might be required. The chaotic descent from the dignified opening announcements to the trading of insults among members of the working party would be enough to drive anyone to drink. But Chris Swinson, the BDO Stoy Hayward partner in charge of the working party, has instead taken to water. He has set aside three hours of every weekend and has started painting watercolours. We hope that the working party has not commissioned a group portrait.

### ACCA harmony

THE certified accountants have had a problem with their title for years. The body used to be called the Association of Certified and Corporate Accounts (ACCA). But then it decided, as all accountants eventually do, to get the word "chartered" in there somewhere. So it called itself the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. But no sooner had it done so than someone pointed out that CACA means something rude and unpleasant in Mediterranean countries. So ever since it has had to maintain a compromise. It stuck with the name but used the ACCA acronym. Now it has been saved by the Privy Council. Members are to be allowed to call themselves chartered certified accountants and the association will once again be in harmony with its acronym.

### Change of scene

ALL THIS good news has proved too much for Barbara Cahalane, ACCA's public relations manager. She is moving to the strife-torn Law Society as its director of communications next month. She claims she is looking for new challenges. It won't be long before she is pining for the old days of extraordinary meetings and membership revolts among the accountants again.

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| Global Opps | 103.10 | 109.70 | | |
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| Everest | 1197.00 | 1165.00† | | 1.60 |
| Extra Income # | 47.36 | 50.39† | - 0.14 | 6.46 |
| Far East Emg Eco | 130.10 | 136.50 | - 0.40 | 0.46 |
| Fixed Interest # | 25.78 | 26.81 | + 0.02 | 8.86 |
| Fund Inv Tst | 154.50 | 162.10† | | 9.47 |
| Japan | 170.70 | 177.40 | - 1.80 | |
| Latin American | 59.89 | 62.36 | - 0.82 | 0.78 |
| Pacific | 84.21 | 88.42 | - 0.43 | 0.30 |
| Property Share | 71.93 | 75.51 | + 0.22 | 2.30 |
| UK Emerging Cos | 71.86 | 77.45 | - 0.11 | 1.73 |
| UK Growth | 55.22 | 58.17† | - 0.15 | 2.02 |
| Abtr World Ptd # | 83.78 | 85.36 | - 0.33 | 3.39 |
| Ethical | 78.70 | 81.85 | - 0.16 | 2.16 |
| Aberdeen Gilt Inc # | 50.87 | 51.00† | + 0.04 | 1.26 |

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| European Portfolio | 136.90 | 145.81† | - 0.11 | 0.61 |
| High Income | 52.87 | 57.98 | + 0.20 | 6.96 |
| Japanese Portfolio | 65.31 | 69.73 | - 0.64 | |
| Pacific Portfolio | 158.44 | 170.37 | - 0.26 | 1.39 |
| UK Equity | 98.28 | 105.00† | - 0.92 | 3.82 |
| UK Equity & Bd | 50.09 | 52.58 | + 0.01 | 8.00 |
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| Inv Fund | 789.40 | 801.34 | + 3.17 | 4.17 |
| Fxd Int Sec | 157.29 | 157.84 | - 0.83 | 9.86 |
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| Fixed Int Acc | 231.90 | 232.82 | - 1.61 | |
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| Beckman Intl | 89.74 | 94.61† | - 0.29 | 3.97 |
| Beck Bio-Tech | 45.38 | 48.82 | | |
| Accm Ethical Tst | 193.31 | 202.38 | | 0.43 |
| City Fin Accum | 84.56 | 88.80† | | 2.27 |
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| Fours Hse Cap | 326.80 | 347.45 | | 2.43 |
| Beckley Wrld Gwth | 143.08 | 151.67† | - 2.01 | |
| J Stn Inc/Gth Inc | 56.37 | 59.19 | | 3.26 |
| Shaw Utilities | 55.14 | 56.22 | - 0.41 | 8.47 |
| **CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD** 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300 | | | | |
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| American Gwth | 80.89 | 86.05 | - 0.57 | |
| Dragon Growth | 72.07 | 77.08 | - 0.08 | 0.41 |
| Equity High Inc | 90.50 | 96.97 | - 0.29 | 4.01 |
| -do- Accum | 130.99 | 140.36 | - 0.41 | 4.01 |
| Extra Income Inc | 26.57 | 27.88† | + 0.12 | 7.38 |
| Extra Income Acc | 29.24 | 30.79 | + 0.13 | 7.38 |
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| Evergreen | 31.85 | 34.06 | - 0.16 | 0.02 |
| General Equity | 106.46 | 112.86 | - 0.42 | 2.81 |
| Japan Growth | 46.58 | 49.55 | - 0.49 | |
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| Pcfl Sm Cos Inc | 38.20 | 41.08 | | 1.36 |
| -do- Accum | 40.49 | 43.53 | | 1.36 |
| Retirement Inc # | 27.87 | 29.91 | - 0.10 | 5.84 |
| Special Sit | 47.60 | 50.54 | - 0.30 | 2.26 |
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| Long Gilt | 43.40 | 45.18† | + 0.24 | 8.12 |
| Monthly Inc Plus | 50.13 | 52.22 | + 0.13 | 8.58 |
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| -do- Accum | 714.60 | 764.60 | - 13.70 | |
| Capital Tst | 403.90 | 429.70† | - 0.30 | 1.50 |
| -do- Accum | 593.40 | 631.30† | - 0.30 | 1.50 |
| Cont Smlr Cos | 60.90 | 64.90 | + 0.22 | 1.09 |
| -do- Accum | 64.38 | 68.63 | + 0.22 | 1.09 |
| Convertible | 146.80 | 156.20 | - 0.20 | 5.60 |
| -do- Accum | 317.80 | 338.20 | - 0.40 | 5.60 |
| Emerging Markets | 64.85 | 69.28 | - 1.41 | 0.30 |
| -do- Accum | 65.17 | 69.63 | - 1.41 | 0.30 |
| European | 152.00 | 161.10 | - 1.10 | 0.50 |
| -do- Accum | 161.80 | 170.70 | - 1.10 | 0.50 |
| Extra Income | 397.30 | 422.70 | - 4.00 | 4.45 |
| -do- Accum | 632.60 | 673.00 | - 6.40 | 4.45 |
| Financial | 178.90 | 190.20† | + 0.10 | 0.40 |
| -do- Accum | 190.20 | 202.30† | + 0.20 | 0.40 |
| Gilt Trust | 63.07 | 65.65† | + 0.02 | 6.70 |
| -do- Accum | 99.02 | 102.10† | + 0.20 | 6.70 |
| Health Fund Inc | 256.30 | 273.80 | - 5.30 | |
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| Income & Growth | 237.30 | 252.40 | - 0.70 | 3.61 |
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| Japan & Gen | 161.80 | 172.00 | - 1.40 | |
| -do- Accum | 163.50 | 173.70 | - 1.30 | |
| Monthly Inc # | 201.00 | 214.50† | + 2.20 | 4.30 |
| -do- Accum # | 201.60 | 214.50† | + 2.20 | 4.30 |
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| -do- Accum | 132.20 | 139.20 | - 2.30 | 1.40 |
| Quarterly Income # | 58.82 | 62.84 | - 0.20 | 5.28 |
| -do- Accum # | 67.85 | 72.19 | - 0.23 | 5.28 |
| Recovery | 345.60 | 369.60 | - 1.30 | |
| -do- Accum | 408.00 | 436.40 | - 1.50 | |
| UK Growth | 68.88 | 73.04 | - 0.12 | 2.76 |
| -do- Accum | 74.46 | 79.21 | - 0.12 | 2.76 |
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| FP American | 82.58 | 88.20 | - 0.40 | 0.47 |
| FP Am Smlr Cos | 209.00 | 222.90† | - 1.70 | |
| FP Asian Growth | 278.00 | 296.50 | - 0.90 | |
| FP Australian | 423.30 | 451.60 | - 1.90 | |
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| FP Euro Gth | 290.10 | 309.40 | - 1.30 | |
| -do- Accum | 317.40 | 338.50 | - 1.40 | |
| FP Intl Bond | 58.47 | 62.30 | + 0.02 | 4.48 |
| FP Intl Gth Dist | 38.46 | 41.02 | - 0.22 | 0.15 |
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# Bargains of the week — from skiing holidays in French chalets to a weekend break in Brussels

## HOTELS

■ THE Europa Inter-Continental otel in Brussels has a weekend eart of the City" rate of about 0 *a room a night, including* rvice charge and all taxes. The fer includes extra options, such a room upgrade, a third night ee or food and beverage vouchers. etails: 0181-847 2277.

■ DISNEYLAND Paris has a lassic Package" offer from Novnber 10 until December 17 of two ights' accommodation in the Hol Santa Fé with continental breakst and three days' theme park dmission included. Price is £102 er adult (£48 child) sharing a om midweek, rising to £144 per dult at the weekend, although the hild price stays the same. Details: 990 030303.

■ THE four-star Golden Tulip alace Hotel in Brussels has a pecial rate of about £72 per room er night, about half the normal ate, until the end of 1997. Details: 800 951000.

■ FOUR nights for the price of hree is offered by Crystal Cities at he three-star Hotel l'Horset avillon in Paris. The offer, valid ntil the end of March, costs from 269 per person, including train are. Details: 0181-390 9900

■ THE Royal Windsor Hotel in he heart of Brussels has a "Weeknd Escapade" offer until Decemer 19 through *Leading Hotels of* he World. Costing about £105 per oom per night, it includes a daily hampagne buffet breakfast and ree entry *to the hotel's nightclub.* Offer valid *for Friday and Saturday* nights only. Details: 0800 181123.

■ A SPECIAL "Picasso" package is available from Marignan-Elysées, a Westin Demeure Hotel in Paris, until January 20. The price, based on two sharing, is £230 per night and includes a bottle of champagne *on arrival and two tickets to the* Picasso exhibition at the Grand Palais. Details: 0800 282565.

■ AN UPGRADE to an executive room with fax machine is offered, subject to availability, with the *winter weekend rate at the Conrad* International Hotel in Brussels. Price is about £163 per room per night, compared with a normal rate of £310. Details: 0990 445866.

■ PRIMA Hotels has a two-night weekend break at the Hotel Montalembert on Paris's Left Bank. For about £424 per room the package, available until the end of the year, includes a one-day pass per person for a variety of museums. Details: 0800 181535.

■ THE *Sheraton Brussels Hotel* and Towers has a winter rate from November 29 until February 15 of about 50 per cent off normal prices. A standard room costs about £82 per night without breakfast, while a Club room costs from £104 a night, also without breakfast. Details: 0800 353535.

■ THE new "Weekender Plus" programme from Holiday Inn includes 14 hotels in Paris and two in Brussels. Prices range from £40 to £130 per room (able to accommodate a family of four) per night. In some hotels, weekend rates may also be available during the week. Details: 0800 897121.

■ A *COMPLIMENTARY* fruit basket is offered at the Hotel San Regis in Paris, a member of *Summit International Hotels, from* November 1 until February 28. The seasonal rate is about £176 per room per night for a single, £233 for a double. Details: 0800 556555.

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Bruges, *within easy reach of the White Cliffs*, is available for short breaks at £154 per person

## FERRIES

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■ MINI-CRUISES with Scandinavian Seaways depart on October 29 to Hamburg and October 30 to Esbjerg, Denmark. Two nights on board ship with breakfast and a sightseeing tour costs from £59 per person. Details: 0990 333111.

■ DAY TRIPS through the Channel Tunnel with Le Shuttle cost £29 through *Eurodrive from Monday to* Thursday, £39 at weekends. Limited availability, 24 hours' notice required — valid until October 30. Details: 0181-324 4000.

■ SHORT breaks in Ireland using SeaCat Scotland's Stranraer-Belfast route cost from £83 per person. This price is based on a car and two adults, includes B&B and is valid until December 16. Details: 01232 313542.

## FLIGHTS

AIRLINE Network has announced a batch of new year offers, including London-Miami for £233 return plus tax and London/Los Angeles for £258 return plus tax. Flights valid from January 11 to March 8. *Details:* 0800 727747.

■ GHANA return for £349 a person over Christmas is on offer from Justravel with Caledonian flights from Gatwick on December 17 and 23, returning January 7 and 14. Clansman class seats available from £699 a person. Details: 0171-373 6055.

■ LOW-COST airline Debonair starts flying from Luton to Rome's secondary Ciampino airport on November 21. Fares start at £69 one way. Details: 0500 146200.

■ VIRGIN Express, the cut-price airline based in *Brussels, is targeting UK travellers with a toll-free* reservations line. The carrier operates daily flights from Brussels to Rome, Milan, Madrid, Barcelona, Nice, Vienna and Copenhagen. A typical one-way fare costs £67. Details: 0800 891199.

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■ A WEEK in the same region costs Fr3,314 (about £400) a person at the *Hotel des Vallées*, La Bresse, including half-board for six days, ski hire and lift passes. Details: 0033 3 2925 4129.

■ CHRISTMAS skiing holidays in chalets in Morzine are still available *from* Ski Esprit with prices for the week from December 22 starting at £328 for an adult with under-18s half-price. Details: 01252 616789.

■ CHALETS and other ski resort properties in France are now available on the Internet with full details, colour photographs and direct contact numbers, plus a ski information page with guides, maps and snow reports. Details from Internet Holidays Rentals on the Web at http://www.holiday-rentals.co.uk and on 0151-741 7878.

■ LA CITE des Sciences, the interactive science park in Paris full of hands-on exhibitions for children including a new one about electricity, is featured in tours arranged by Paris Travel Service and Cresta. Details: 01992 456000 and 0161-927 7000.

■ BRUGES, one of the most attractive continental cities within easy reach of the UK, is available *for short breaks for £154 a person from Inntravel.* The price includes two nights bed and breakfast at the canalside Hotel Azalea and return Eurostar service from Waterloo to Brussels. Details: 01653 628862.

■ BOOK within the next week to take advantage of deals available in Sunsites' 1997 Preview Brochure, with prices for 12 nights for a tent sleeping six at popular European campsites starting at £214. *Details:* 01565 625555.

■ MOUNTAIN biking, canoeing, and cruises are among activites available during a week in the Dordogne with Headwater Holidays with departures every Saturday until November 23. The price is £318 a person, including half-board hotel accommodation and ferry crossing. Details: 01606 48699.

■ LUXOR in a luxury hotel for a week for £349 a person is on offer from Goldenjoy Holidays with flights from Gatwick every Friday from November 1 to December 13. Details: 0171-794 9818.

■ EILAT is available at reduced prices *in November from* Destination Red Sea with a week's half-board at four-star hotels and return flights starting from £329 a person. Details: 0181-440 9900.

■ A CRUISE comprising 16 nights to Rio de Janeiro, departing from Genoa on November 16, is available from £999 a person from Thornton's Cruise World acting for Mediterranean Shipping Cruises. The price includes flights from London to Genoa, returning to London from Rio. The ship calls at Casablanca and South American ports. Details: 0117-925 4444.

■ BIRDWATCHING in Ethiopia is still available on a ten-day tour departing Heathrow on November 22 with Naturetrek. The price is £990 a person and includes return flights, most meals and accommodation and the tour includes the Rift Valley lakes and Awash National Park. Details: 01962 733051

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# What is the real price of air fares?

WHAT IS the cheapest single fare between London and Glasgow? According to the ubiquitous advertisements, the answer is surely £29.

Wrong. The least you will pay is £34 — 17 per cent more than the headline rate. And prices quoted for longer-range flights are also not all that they seem. Flights to Orlando advertised at £275 this week, for example, will actually cost £305 — about 11 per cent more.

Airlines offering these attractive-sounding low fares insist they do tell potential customers that they will end up paying more for their flights. But you will have to look hard to come across the small print somewhere in the advertisement such as *"excl. taxes"*, or *"taxes apply"*.

The additional charges are, of course, caused by the Government's airport departure tax introduced almost two years ago. A levy of £5 is imposed on domestic and intra-European passengers, while long-distance flights are subject to a £10 tax.

Scheduled airlines, who do not include the tax in the quoted fare, have not been affected. Indeed, not only have they seen the number of passengers go on rising but they have also been able to increase their fares. Published transatlantic business class fares from Britain, for example, have risen by 9 per cent in the past year and even the standard economy tickets have gone up by 7 per cent.

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Charter airlines offering seat-only tickets have not been able to follow suit. Thomson, First Choice, Airtours, Unijet and their charter-airline partners have had to pay the tax themselves to keep prices low. They guarantee that the price quoted in the brochure or advertisement is what you will pay.

By absorbing the tax, their profits have fallen sharply and some have even been forced out of business. But they are no longer prepared to see competing scheduled airlines offering what may seem comparable or even lower fares, without having to display the total price.

For example, a Unijet return flight to Orlando is available next Tuesday for £259 inclusive, while BA is offering a return of £294 — plus, in parenthesis £24 tax for both UK and foreign taxes. From next month Virgin flights to Orlando are available for £302 (plus £35 tax). No wonder the passenger is confused.

A levy of £5 may not seem much to someone paying the top price for a business class seat to Frankfurt, for example. But it is to a budget-conscious family flying to a non-European country who spot a bargain fare but then have to find an additional £30 or so a head because the flight is on a scheduled airline.

Surely the total amount, including all taxes, should be displayed prominently — rather than an eye-catching, but often misleading, headline price?

I predict that unless action is taken to force the scheduled carriers to be more open, the charter operators will also begin to "hide" the taxes.

# Take the Eurostar for a ride to the heart of French skiing

By Harvey Elliott

SKIERS will be able to travel to some of Europe's finest resorts by train this winter as part of a dramatic new initiative to boost still further the number of people travelling on Eurostar.

A special ski train — nicknamed "Eurostarski" — will leave Waterloo on most Friday evenings throughout the winter ski season, enabling enthusiasts to travel via Paris or Lille and be on the slopes in Val-d'Isère, Tignes, La Plagne and the resorts of the Trois Vallées by mid-morning on Saturday.

Tour operators have been quick to seize the opportunity presented by Eurostar's marketing drive. Ski France is offering seven days' self-catering at Val Thorens from January 4 for £212, including return rail fares, transfers and accommodation. Independent travellers will be able to book direct with Eurostar in London.

Eurostar, which also stops at Ashford in Kent, arrives in little more than two hours at Gare du Nord in Paris, where passengers will — until next year — have a further two hours in which to have a meal before boarding the train for Moûtiers and Bourg-St Maurice, twin centres of France's ski resorts.

Once on board the SNCF ski train, they can either take a couchette or spend time in the specially designed disco carriage. Next year it is planned that Eurostar will travel to the French resorts direct and with no need to change trains before reaching Bourg St Maurice.

The new ski-train service is one of a number of initiatives taken by the newly appointed British operators of the cross-Channel train. Others will follow in the next few months as Eurostar launches a determined drive to dominate travel to the Continent.

The service is proving so successful that its operators are now planning to buy double-decker trains capable of carrying more than 1,100 passengers. Prototypes are already running in France and are expected to be in service with Eurostar after the new high-speed rail link to Britain's key regional cities is open.

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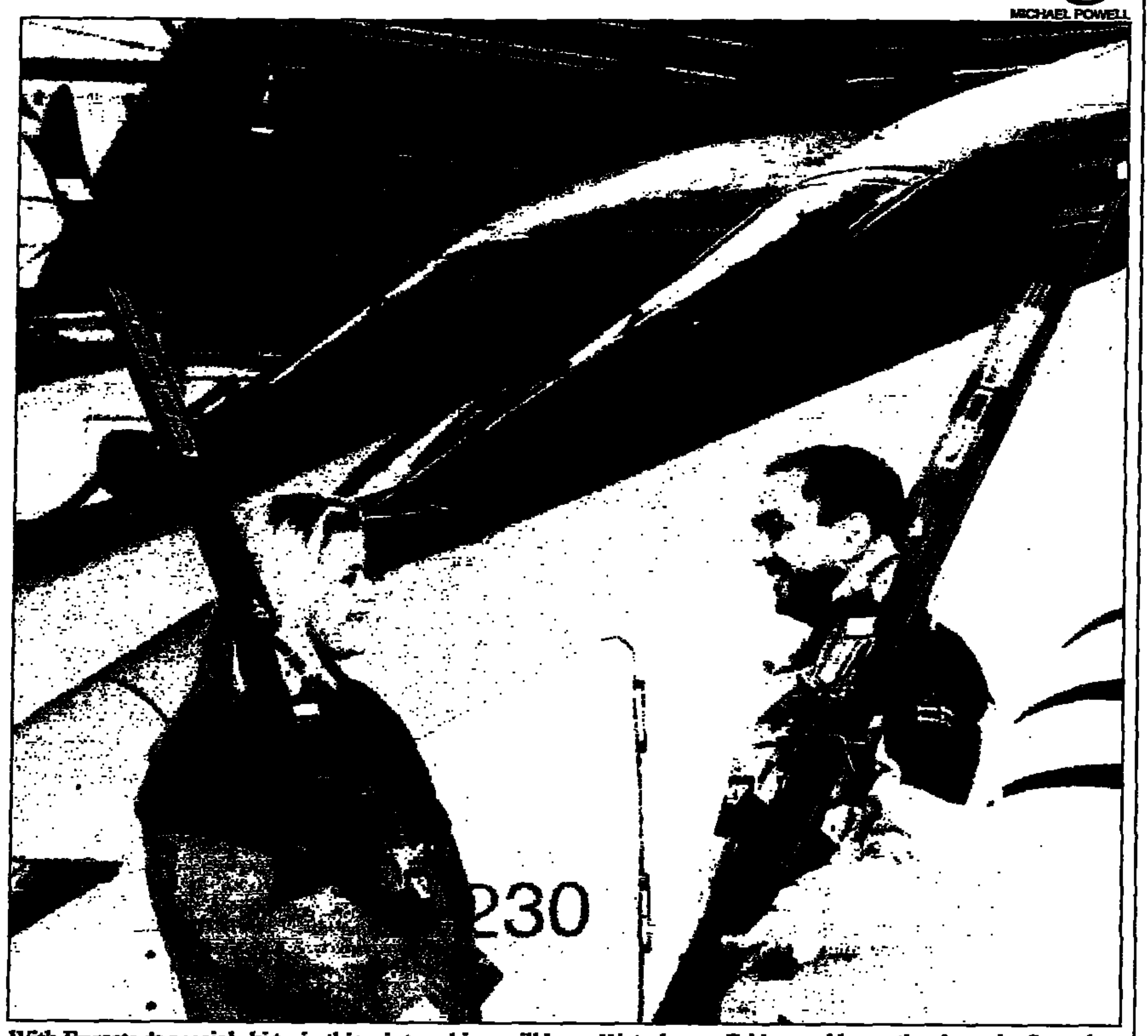


With Eurostar's special ski train this winter, skiers will leave Waterloo on Friday and be on the slopes by Saturday

More than seven million passengers have now travelled on the two Eurostar routes from London to Paris and Brussels since services began in 1994, forcing the company to put on extra trains to meet the demand. There are now 16 train services to Paris each day and nine to Brussels. Each carries 770 passengers — almost twice as many as a jumbo jet — at speeds of up to 186 miles an hour.

They are proving popular with day-trippers, business people holding conferences on board, as incentives for sales-people and what Eurostar staff call "tunnel of love" passengers — couples taking a romantic weekend break in Paris or Brussels to celebrate an anniversary.

Eurostar has already taken a 60 per cent share of the French cross-Channel market and this Christmas the trains are expected to be filled with office parties and Christmas shoppers boarding at both Waterloo and Ashford.

Half the passengers on board originate from Britain, 40 per cent are from France and 10 per cent come from Belgium.

Parisian hoteliers claim that Eurostar has saved many of them from bankruptcy as strikes, high prices and nuclear tests drove away foreign visitors in their millions. But the number of British visitors continues to rise — 495,700 arrived in Paris in the first six months of this year — while the number of other foreign visitors fell sharply. One leading Paris hotelier said last week: "Eurostar is the best thing that could have happened to Paris."

Business travellers, too, are switching to Eurostar and early next year, they will benefit from improved services and a new fares structure aimed at taking full advantage of the train's unique ability to transport so many people with differing needs direct from the heart of one city to the heart of another.

Free taxi transfers from office to station and on to the meeting point for first-class passengers are to be introduced and those who pay the full fare will be given priority check-in and will, if they wish, be able to use their fully flexible return ticket to return to Heathrow on a British Midland flight. At the same time, a range of new cut-price fares will be introduced to attract leisure passengers.

# Clinics accused of touting for patients

By Harvey Elliott and Tony Dawe

PACKAGE tourists are being put at risk because of deals to send them to unsuitable clinics should they fall ill, medical experts are claiming.

Miguel Nadal, the chief executive of Lifeline, the British medical assistance company, has brought the issue to a head by claiming that tour operators and resort staff are being paid by clinics to supply patients.

Dr Nadal says clinics in Majorca, for example, are in fierce competition for clients and that the "going rate" for delivering a patient is 5,000 pesetas (about £25).

He added that many Spanish clinics employ young, barely qualified doctors with little experience of acute medicine or dealing with surgical emergencies, and that patients would receive better treatment at state hospitals.

Tour operators have reacted angrily to Dr Nadal's claims, first made at an international travel insurance conference earlier this month, but other medical and insurance experts have supported him.

Ben Reader, operations manager of Assistance 2000, said: "There is a problem, especially in Spain and its islands. People are being directed to private clinics by outside parties who are not medically qualified in return for backhanders. Tour representatives have to supplement their slender incomes and this is one way of doing it. Hotels are also in on the deal. Everybody knows about it but it is difficult to control."

The medical assistance companies know what is going on because they monitor the progress of patients abroad. They believe that the deals have developed because of the growth in private clinics at resorts and the distances patients might need to travel to reach state hospitals.

"Health risks can arise," Mr Reader added, "because a clinic might be able to carry out a hip operation but would be unable to deal with complications that might arise. State hospitals, on the other hand, are equipped to deal with most problems."

The Association of British Insurers said that the problem had been brought to the attention of tour operators and travel agencies. "We are not aware of any widespread problem so we have not issued any guidelines," a spokesman said.

Alan Flook, of the Tour Operators Federation, said: "We have never had any problems with the medical authorities in 15 years. I would not be surprised if occasionally some individual did take a commission but local representatives are generally concerned that their customers are looked after very well."

Thomson said that it reviewed contracts with hospitals each year and that one of the main priorities was that the doctors and nursing staff spoke English.

# Muggers in Madrid

By Jack Crossley

SPANISH police are searching for a gang of muggers who use mobile phones to target tourists in Madrid.

Two elderly British women were robbed while strolling in one of the city's quietest parks last week while the Prado was closed for lunch.

"They followed advice about when and where to walk to avoid danger and thought a Sunday stroll through the Parque del Buen Retiro was well within the guidelines," said John Howes, a close friend. "But it turned into a nightmare."

In the park the women noticed two young men; one with a mobile phone, apparently sweeping up leaves. Within seconds, the women were attacked from behind, flung to the ground and robbed of their money, credit cards, passports, airline tickets and cameras. "They quickly realised how well-planned their mugging had been — a realisation confirmed by police, the British Consulate and British Airways, who all said: 'Oh no, not another one'," said Mr Howes.

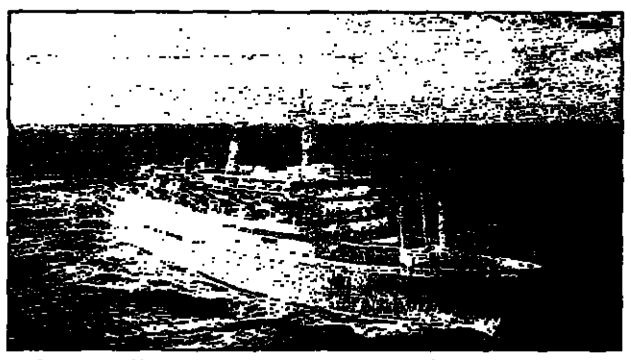
The consulate charged them £30 for replacement documents and the Foreign Office said it may update its travel advice to British tourists.

# Under-50s banned as Saga buys a liner

SAGA yesterday bought its own cruise liner, which will become the only ship in the world from which passengers aged under 50 are banned. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

The tour operator, a specialist in providing high-quality, off-peak holidays for the over-50s, has spent about £20 million on buying Cunard's 24,474-tonne *Sagafjord*, which will begin Mediterranean cruises in the spring before a major refit. The five-star liner will carry up to 620 passengers and 320 crew, with British officers. Saga has ruled that there will be no tipping at the end of the voyage.

Roger de Haan, Saga's chairman, said: "One of the main complaints of people who go on cruises is being asked to pay a big tip at the end, so we have decided to ban tipping altogether.



The *Sagafjord*: Saga is spending millions on the liner

"We already provide 14 per cent of the customers for other cruise companies. The market is growing so fast and the supply of good-quality liners is so short that we have no way of meeting the demand without buying our own ship."

Prices would be lower than on existing ships because Saga has lower overheads. "There has been a lot of development at the cheap and cheerful end of the market and we know our passengers do not want that," he said. "We will be able to provide the kind of luxurious standards that our customers have come to expect and at an affordable price."

The *Sagafjord* — at present on charter from Cunard to a German tour company — will operate from Dover harbour near Saga headquarters.

"It is exactly the right size for our customers," Mr de Haan said. "You could spend a week on board some of the ships now at sea and not even meet the people with whom you embarked."

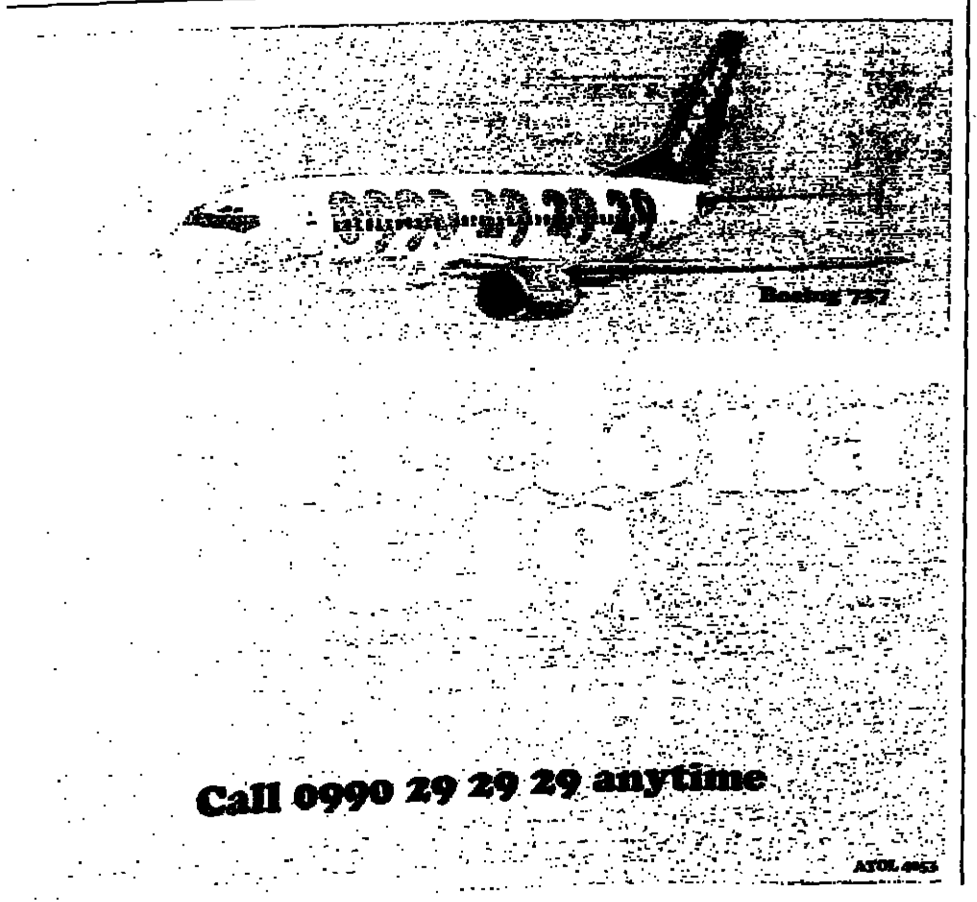
# BA's terminal fare confusion

BUSINESS travellers booking British Airways flights between London Heathrow and Larnaca, Cyprus, face terminal confusion when the winter schedules start this month, *Raymond Atherton writes.*

For BA is sending some of its Larnaca flights from Terminal 1 and others from Terminal 4, and is charging different business-class fares from each terminal while using the same type of jet.

Passengers flying from Terminal 1 will be charged £698 return but those who depart from Terminal 4 will have to pay £1,647 — almost £1,000 more. And yet both services will be operated by a Boeing 767 twin jet.

The price difference is due to seating. Flights from Terminal 1 are deemed to be short-haul, so the business class seating is to Club Europe standard. Flights from Terminal 4 feature the more comfortable Club World seats. But it's a moot point whether extra comfort is worth £1,000 on a relatively short flight.



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# Criminal law offers protection to child sex-abuse victims

**Stubbings and Others v United Kingdom**

(Case No 36-37/1995)

Before P. Bernhardt, President and Judges F. Gölcüklü, R. Macdonald, N. Valticos, I. Foighel, R. Pekkanen, J. M. Morenilla, Sir John Freeland and Mr J. Makarczyk

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[Judgment October 22]

Victims of child sex abuse whose cases had been brought out of time failed in their action against the United Kingdon before the European Court of Human Rights.

The Court, by seven votes to two, that there had been no violation of article 6.1 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guaranteed the right of access to a court, and unanimously, that in view of the protection afforded by domestic criminal law to secure respect for private life in child sex-abuse cases and the margin of appreciation allowed to states in those matters, there had been no violation of article 8.

The applicants' claim that they had been treated in a discriminatory manner, contrary to article 14 of the Convention, taken in conjunction with articles 6.1 and 8 was also rejected by eight votes to one.

Article 6 provides: "1 In the determination of his civil rights and obligations ... everyone is entitled to a ... hearing ... by [a] ... tribunal..."

Article 8 provides: "1 Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

"2 There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

Article 14 provides: "The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in the Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status."

The case originated in two applications to the European Commission of Human Rights: (i) that of Ms Lesley Stubbings, Ms J. L. and Ms J. P., and (ii) that of Ms D. S. Both were referred to the Court which decided to join them.

**1 Ms Stubbings**

Ms Stubbings was born on January 29, 1957. She alleged that, between the ages of two and 14, she was sexually abused on a number of occasions by her adoptive father, James Francis Webb, and by his son, Stephen, which caused her to experience severe psychological problems.

However, it was not until September 1984, following treatment by a consultant child and family psychiatrist, that she realised for the first time that there might be a connection between the childhood abuse and her state of mental health.

On August 18, 1987 she commenced proceedings against the Webbs, seeking damages for the alleged assaults. The defendants applied to have the claim dismissed as time-barred under the Limitation Act 1980.

Both the High Court and the Court of Appeal (*The Times* April 3, 1991; [1992] QB 197) were bound by earlier authority (*Letang v Cooper* ([1965] 1 QB 232) to hold that Ms Stubbing's claim was based on a "breach of duty" within the meaning of section 11 of the 1980 Act.

The limitation period for such actions was three years, either from the date on which the cause accrued or from the date on which the plaintiff first knew the injury in question was both significant and attributable to the defendants.

The Court of Appeal accepted Ms Stubbings' argument that she did not realise she had a cause of action until September 1984, when with therapy she grasped the causal link between the abuse and her mental health problems.

In any case, section 33 of the 1980 Act provided that the court could allow such an action to proceed even it commenced after the expiry of the three-year period, where it would be equitable to do so.

The defendants appealed to the House of Lords, which, having considered the background to the 1980 Act, held *The Times* December 17, 1992; [1993] AC 498) that the words "breach of duty" in section 11 did not in fact embrace actions based on intentionally inflicted injuries, such as rape and indecent assault.

Instead, those types of claim were subject to the six-year limitation period provided for in section 2 of the Act. That limit, which could not be disapplied by the court, started to run from the plaintiff's eighteenth birthday: see section 28. Ms Stubbings's claim was therefore out of time.

**Ms J. L.**

Ms J. L. was born in 1962. She alleged that between 1968 and September 1979 she was frequently abused by her father, who took pornographic photographs of her and subjected her to serious sexual assaults.

Between 1981 and 1991, she suffered from bouts of depression and other psychological difficulties. In October 1990 she was referred to a psychologist who helped her to understand for the first time the connection between the abuse and her problems. Initially that worsened her condition, causing her to attempt suicide in December 1990.

In January 1991 she consulted solicitors with a view to commencing proceedings for damages against her father. Legal aid was granted and a writ was issued on March 26, 1991.

She also reported the alleged abuse to the police, who decided not to bring charges. When she was informed of that decision she made another suicide attempt.

Following the judgment of the House of Lords in *Stubbings v Webb*, her civil claim against her father was discontinued on the advice of counsel that it had become time-barred in 1986, six years after her eighteenth birthday.

**3 Ms J. P.**

Ms J. P. was born in 1958. Between the ages of five and seven she attended a state primary school in Highgate, London, but her parents withdrew her in 1966 because she had become depressed and withdrawn and was suffering from nightmares.

It appeared that the deputy headmaster, a Mr P, had been removing her from lessons, purportedly to look after his daughter aged two. From that time onwards, J. P. had difficulty in sustaining relationships and felt "different" and lonely.

She underwent a course of therapy which, in February 1989, prompted her to experience a violent recall of being subjected to sexual abuse by Mr P. She subsequently recovered memories of other assaults by him, including incidents of rape.

In October 1991 she instructed solicitors to commence proceedings for damages against Mr P and a writ was issued on February 1992. However, legal aid was withdrawn and the action was discontinued following the decision of the House of Lords in *Stubbings v Webb* because her claim had become time-barred in January 1982.

**4 Ms D. S.**

Ms D. S. was born in 1962. Between 1968 and 1977 she was subjected to repeated sexual assaults by her father, which caused her despair and depression.

On March 15, 1991 D. S.'s father pleaded guilty to a charge of indecent assault based on his abuse of her. He was sentenced to one year's probation.

D. S. considered that was insufficient punishment and she therefore instituted civil proceedings against her father on August 14, 1992.

A report from a psychologist stated that it would have been impossible for her to have taken that step earlier, because she had largely blocked out memories of the abuse as a means of survival.

Her action was discontinued on May 24, 1993 following the House of Lords' judgment in *Stubbings v Webb*, since her claim had been brought outside the six-year time limit held in that case to apply.

**Applications**

The application of Ms Stubbings, Ms J. L. and Ms J. P. was lodged before the European Commission of Human Rights on May 14, 1993, and that of Ms D. S. on June 14, 1993. They were both declared admissible on September 6, 1994.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up two reports on February 22, 1995 in which it established the facts and expressed unanimous opinions that there had been violations of article 14 of the Convention in conjunction with article 6.1 and that therefore it was not necessary to examine the complaints under article 6.1 alone or article 8, alone or in combination with article 14.

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held as follows:

**I Article 6.1**

The applicants had argued that one of the effects of the sexual abuse was to prevent them from appreciating for many years that it was the cause of their psychological problems.

Because of the application of a fixed six-year limitation period, their claims for damages became time-barred before they had even realised they had causes of action. It followed that the very essence of their right of access to a court, guaranteed by article 6.1, had been impaired.

The Court referred to its case law, which established that article 6.1 embodied the right to institute proceedings before a court in civil matters, but that that right was subject to limitations.

In regulating access to a court, contracting states enjoyed a certain margin of appreciation, although the limitations applied should not restrict or reduce the access left to the individual in such a way or to such an extent that the very essence of the right was impaired.

Furthermore, all limitations had to pursue a legitimate aim and be reasonably proportionate.

The very essence of the applicants' right of access to court was not impaired since they had had six years from their eighteenth birthdays in which to initiate civil proceedings and since, subject to the need for sufficient evidence, a criminal prosecution could have been brought at any time and a compensation order made.

Limitation periods served the legitimate aims of ensuring legal certainty and finality, protecting potential defendants from stale claims which might be difficult to counter and preventing the injustice which might arise if courts were required to decide upon events which took place in the distant past on the basis of evidence which might have become unreliable and incomplete because of the passage of time.

The six-year time limit was not unduly short. It was proportionate to the aims sought to be achieved. That was apparent from the fact that if the applicants had commenced actions shortly before the expiry of the period, the courts would have been required to adjudicate on events which had taken place approximately twenty years earlier.

There was no uniformity among the member states of the Council of Europe with regard either to the length of civil limitation periods or the date from which such periods were reckoned. It could not be said that it was commonly accepted in European states that, in cases such as the present, the time limit should only start to run from the date at which the material facts were known to the plaintiff.

There had been a developing awareness in recent years of the problems caused by child abuse and its psychological effects on victims and it was possible that the rules on limitation of actions applying in member states of the Council of Europe might have to be amended to make special provision for that group of claimants in the near future.

However, since the very essence of the applicants' right of access to a court was not impaired and the restrictions pursued a legitimate aim and were proportionate, it was not for the Court to substitute its own view for that of the state authorities as to what would be the most appropriate policy in that regard.

Accordingly, taking into account in particular the legitimate aims served by the rules of limitation in question and the margin of appreciation afforded to states in regulating the right of access to a court, the Court found that there had been no violation of article 6.1 of the Convention taken alone. Judges Foighel and Macdonald dissented.

**II Article 8**

The applicants Ms Stubbings, Ms J. L. and Ms J. P. contended that the problem of child sexual abuse demanded new measures for the protection of minors. The interpretation of the 1980 Act given by the House of Lords in *Stubbings* case had failed to respond to that need.

The Court observed, first, that article 8 was clearly applicable to those complaints, which concerned a matter of private life.

Although the object of that article was essentially to protect the individual against arbitrary interference by the public authorities, it might also impose positive obligations involving the adoption by the state of measures designed to secure respect for private life even in the sphere of the relations of individuals among themselves.

The choice of means calculated to secure compliance with that obligation in principle fell within the contracting states' margin of appreciation.

Sexual abuse was unquestionably an abhorrent type of wrongdoing, with debilitating effects on its victims. Children and other vulnerable individuals were entitled to state protection in the form of effective deterrence from such grave types of interference with essential aspects of their private lives.

In the instant case, however, such protection was afforded by the criminal law. Article 8 did not necessarily require that states fulfil their positive obligation to secure respect for private life by the provision of unlimited civil remedies in circumstances where criminal law sanctions were in operation.

Accordingly, in view of the protection afforded by the domestic criminal law against the sexual abuse of children and the margin of appreciation allowed to states in such matters, the Court concluded unanimously that there had been no violation of article 8 of the Convention.

**III Article 14 taken in conjunction with articles 6.1 and/or 8**

In addition, all of the applicants alleged that they had been treated in a discriminatory manner, contrary to article 14 taken in conjunction with article 6.1; Ms Stubbings, Ms J. L. and Ms J. P. also complaining of a violation of articles 14 and 8 taken together.

They pointed to the difference in the rules of limitation applied in cases of intentionally caused injury, such as their own, and injury caused by negligence, where the time bar was three years from the date on which the plaintiff first knew the injury in question was both significant and attributable to the defendant; with an additional discretion to the judge to allow such an action to proceed even if commenced after the expiry of the three-year period.

The Court reiterated that article 14 afforded protection against discrimination in the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms safeguarded by the other substantive provisions of the Convention but that not every difference in treatment would amount to a violation.

It had to be established that other persons in an analogous or relevantly similar situation enjoyed preferential treatment and that there was no reasonable or objective justification for that distinction.

Contracting states enjoyed a margin of appreciation in assessing whether and to what extent differences in otherwise similar situations justified a different treatment in law.

The applicants could not be said to be in an analogous situation to the victims of negligently caused harm for the purposes of article 14. In any domestic judicial system there might be a number of separate categories of claimant, classified by reference to the type of harm suffered, the legal basis of the claim or other factors, who were subject to varying rules and procedures.

Different considerations might apply to each of those groups. For example: it might be more readily apparent to the victims of deliberate wrongdoing that they had a cause of action. It would be artificial to emphasise the similarities between those groups of claimant and to ignore the distinctions between them.

Furthermore, even if a comparison could properly be drawn between the two groups in question, the difference in treatment might be reasonably and objectively justified, again by reference to their distinctive characteristics.

It was quite reasonable, and fell within the margin of appreciation afforded to the contracting states, to create separate regimes for the limitation of actions based on deliberately inflicted harm and negligence.

Accordingly, the Court found no violation of article 14 of the Convention taken in conjunction with articles 6.1 or 8. Judge Macdonald dissented.

## Law Report October 24 1996 Court of Appeal

# Prudent investor basis for determining damages for personal injury

**Wells v Wells**
**Thomas v Brighton Health Authority**
**Page v Sheerness Steel Co plc**

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment October 23]

The determination of damages for future loss and expense in personal injury cases should be on the basis of the yield which a prudent investor should seek rather than on the basis of a notional index-lined annuity. Courts should adopt the conventional approach to determine the quantum of such awards, not one based on index-linked government securities.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing appeals by the defendants in three personal injury cases in which liability was admitted.

In the first, the plaintiff Mrs Thelma Wells had been awarded £1.619 million against her husband, Mr Derek Wells, by Judge Wilcox sitting as a deputy High Court judge on June 13, 1995.

In the second, James Thomas had been awarded £1.285 million against Brighton Health Authority by Mr Justice Collins on November 7, 1995.

In the third, Kelvin Page had been awarded £906,000 against his former employer, Sheerness Steel Co plc by Mr Justice Dyson on December 4, 1995.

On appeal, the Wells award was reduced to £1.086 million; the Thomas award to a sum to be determined later; and the Page award reduced to £626,000. No order as to costs was made.

Mr John Leighton Williams, QC and Mr Richard Methuen for Mr Derek Wells; Mr Christopher Purchas, QC and Mr George Gadney for Mrs Thelma Wells.

Mr Kieran Coonan, QC and Miss Christina Lambert for the Brighton Health Authority; Mr Robert Owen, QC and Mr Phillip Havers, QC, for James Thomas.

Mr John Leighton Williams, QC and Mr Richard Methuen for Sheerness Steel; Mr Christopher Purchas, QC and Mr Matthias Kelly for Mr Kelvin Page.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST, giving the judgment of the court, said that each case raised detailed issues but the common general point of principle concerned the appropriate multiplier to be applied to the annual amount assessed for future losses and expenses, the multiplicand.

In each case, the judge, having heard expert evidence from both sides, had departed from the well established conventional approach of awarding a multiplier consistent with a return of 4 to 5 per cent a year on the capital sum, and fixed the multiplier by reference to the return on index-linked government securities at 3 per cent a year, with the result that the multiplier was significantly higher and the damages greatly increased.

In other similar cases, judges had adhered to the conventional guidelines, with the result that the law on the point had been thrown into the melting pot, leading to stalemate in major personal injury claims.

The basic rule which had stood for more than a century and was accepted on all sides was that damages were to be assessed on the basis that the fundamental purpose of an award was to achieve as nearly as possible full compensation to the plaintiff for the injuries sustained.

The conventional approach involved the award of a sum which prudently invested would provide the plaintiff with an annuity equal in amount to the loss: see *Cookson v Knowles* ([1979] AC 556, 567-571, 576) and *Lim Poh Choo v Camden Health Authority* ([1980] AC 174).

Multipliers were based on the assumption that the principal sum would earn interest at about 4 or 5 per cent, rates that would be appropriate in times of stable currency, future inflation being ignored on the basis that any loss to inflation would be roughly balanced by higher interest rates.

The assumption where the award was very large was that the plaintiff would seek advice as to how best to manage the money, and that there would be a normal spread of investments. That was not an exact science.

A working party in 1994 chaired by Sir Michael Ogden, QC, had produced actuarial tables for use in fatal accident and personal injury cases. It had strongly advocated the adoption of the index-linked government securities discount rate, rather than the conventional 4 to 5 per cent.

Its arguments had been adopted by the Law Commission in its report *Structured settlements and interim and provisional damages* (Law Com No 224; Cm 2646). The commission had recommended that courts should be required by law in determining the return to be expected from investment of lump sum damages to take account of the net return on an index-linked government security.

While the judges in the instant cases had adopted the index-linked government securities approach, in other recent cases, *Casey v East Anglian Health Authority* (November 1993, Mr Justice Gage); *Lodge v Simpson* (December 1995, Mr Justice Garland); *Walsh v Glessio* (February 1996, Mr Justice Gage) and *Smith v Waltham Forest Health Authority* (February 1996, Mr Justice French), the conventional approach had prevailed.

The plaintiffs maintained:

1 That the award must be fixed on the assumption that the plaintiff was entitled to invest it taking the minimum risk and

2 That the test was not whether it would be prudent to invest in equities but whether to invest in index-linked government securities would achieve the necessary object with the greatest precision.

The question was whether those propositions were right.

It was fallacious to contrast the plaintiff with an ordinary investor. To do so was to place the plaintiff unwarrantably in a privileged position. The statement of principle to that effect by the House of Lords in *Lim*'s case was of paramount importance and confronted the plaintiffs with grave difficulty.

The plaintiffs had also sought to portray the multiplicand, once firmly established, as converting an assessment of probabilities into a notional certainty and submitted that the fixing of the multiplier was a mere mathematical function, regardless of probabilities, to return the plaintiff to his pre-accident position with maximum precision. The court could not accept either of those propositions.

The multiplicand was the product of an assessment of a combination of a wide range of future probabilities and could not be regarded as anything more than the best estimate of the plaintiff's future losses and needs, which would always remain uncertain; thus the concept of a notional certainty was unsound.

In fixing the multiplier, no less than the multiplicand, the probabilities came into play. The court had to take account not only financial considerations but also the degree of likelihood that the plaintiff might not live out his full life-span and in the case of future loss of earnings that he would not have worked throughout his full working span or, with a child, that he might never become an earner.

The defendants had rightly relied on the repeated emphasis in the authorities on prudent investment. The plaintiffs had suggested that that applied only to the guidelines then in force, and had been rendered outmoded by the advent of index-linked government securities.

Their Lordships did not agree. It was for the court to hold the balance evenly between both sides and just as the plaintiff was entitled to an award which achieved as nearly as possible full compensation for the injuries sustained, so also the defendant was entitled to take advantage of the presumption that the plaintiff would adopt a prudent investment strategy once he received his award.

Of the expert witnesses called, only one had dissented from the view that a basket of investments including a substantial proportion of equities was appropriate to a prudent investment strategy. Equities were riskier than index-linked government securities, but over longer periods of years equity investment had been sound.

The Court of Protection, an organisation hardly noted for its gambling instinct, included 70 to 80 per cent of equities in its investments, and charities had recently been permitted to put 75 per cent of their investments into equities: see Charities (Trustee Investment Act 1961) Order (SI 1995 No 1092).

Their Lordships were not convinced that had index-linked government securities been available in the 1970s the House of Lords would have selected them in preference to the conventional guideline.

The guidelines were still valid and their Lordships were not persuaded that the case had been made out for the courts of their own motion to adopt index-linked government securities in their place. The present conventional discount rate of 4.5 per cent should continue to apply.

The Family Bar Association had developed a very sophisticated computer-based mechanism for assessing future dependencies after divorce. That technique might provide a useful step forward in personal injury cases in future while adhering to present guidelines, for example in the treatment of tax.

That would be worth investigating as a much more modest measure of reform, although the body conducting such a review should include accountants and investment advisers as well as lawyers and actuaries. That would have been a great advantage on the Ogden inquiry too.

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# Measure of contractual damages where goods had latent defect

**Bence Graphics International Ltd v Fasson UK Ltd**

Before Lord Justice Otton, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment October 17]

The correct measure of damages for breach of contract where the seller had supplied goods with a latent defect which became apparent only after the buyer had sold them on was the actual losses suffered by the buyer, not the difference between the value of goods at the time of delivery to the buyer and the value they would have had if the warranty had been fulfilled.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority (Lord Justice Thorpe dissenting) allowing an appeal by the defendant, Fasson UK Ltd, from a decision of Mr Justice Morland giving judgment for the plaintiff, Bence Graphics International Ltd for £546,328.54 together with interest of £820,799.42.

Section 53 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 provides: "(1) Where there is a breach of warranty by the seller, or where the buyer elects (or is compelled) to treat any breach of a condition on the part of the seller as a breach of warranty, the buyer is not by reason only of such breach of warranty entitled to reject the goods; but he may — (a) set up against the seller the breach of warranty in diminution or extinction of the price, or (b) maintain an action against the seller for damages for the breach of warranty.

"(2) The measure of damages for breach of warranty is the estimated loss directly and naturally resulting, in the ordinary course of events, from the breach of warranty.

"(3) In the case of breach of warranty of quality such loss is prima facie the difference between the value of the goods at the time of delivery to the buyer and the value they would have had if they had fulfilled the warranty.

"(4) The fact that the buyer has set up the breach of warranty in diminution or extinction of the price does not prevent him from maintaining an action for the same breach of warranty if he has suffered further damage."

Section 54 provides: "Nothing in this Act affects the right of the buyer or the seller to recover interest or special damages in any case where by law interest or special damages may be recoverable, or to recover money paid where the consideration for the payment of it has failed."

Mr Mark S. Grime, QC and Mr David Heaton for the defendants; Mr Andrew G. Moran, QC and Mr Anthony Edwards for the appellants.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said the issue raised on the appeal was whether the correct measure of damages was, as the judge found, the difference in market value or the actual losses, if any, suffered by the plaintiffs under or arising from a breach of contract for onward sales.

The defendants were suppliers of vinyl film used to make identification decals for bulk containers. The plaintiffs printed words or numbers on the film and cut it to size so that it could be applied to the containers.

Between 1981 and 1985 the defendants had supplied film to the value of £564,328 to the plaintiff, most of which had been used by the plaintiffs to make decals for Sea Containers Ltd. It was a term of the contract between the parties that the film would survive in good legible condition for at least five years.

In fact the film manufacturers used insufficient ultra-violet stabiliser so that the film tended to degrade and some of the decals became illegible. There were extensive complaints from customers of Sea Containers about the poor labelling of their containers.

The plaintiffs had settled one claim relating to 349 containers and the defendants paid an agreed amount to the plaintiffs in compensation. There was an intimation of a claim from Sea Containers, but that had not so far been pursued. The plaintiffs retained about £22,000 of unused defective material.

The plaintiffs had claimed to recover the whole purchase price or alternatively for an indemnity against all claims from their customers.

In assessing damages the judge had applied section 53(3) of the 1979 Act, and decided that the plaintiffs were entitled to the difference between the value of the goods at the time of delivery and the value they would have had if they had fulfilled the warranty.

Sections 53(2) and 54 of the 1979 Act laid down the basic principles for remoteness of damage in language derived from the leading case of *Hadley v Baxendale* ([1854] 9 Exch 31).

The judge had decided the case on the basis that the defendants had failed to satisfy him on the balance of probabilities that the prima facie measure of damages under section 53(3) was displaced by some other measure.

His Lordship concluded that section 53(3) laid down only a prima facie rule, from which the court might depart in appropriate circumstances. Not only the buyer but the seller could seek to discharge the burden of proof and displace the presumption as the measure of damages.

Mr Moran in argument had invoked the principle that where the seller delivered defective goods but the buyer was nevertheless able to perform a sub-contract by delivering the goods to his sub-buyer, the buyer's damages against the seller could not be reduced by taking that into account, relying on *Slater v Hoyle and Smith Ltd* ([1920] 2 KB 11).

That decision could be distinguished narrowly on its facts from the instant case, since there the subsale was of substantially the same goods, whereas in the instant case the goods had been substantially processed or converted by the buyer and the seller was aware at the time of sale of the precise use to which the goods were to be put.

In his Lordship's judgment, once the goods had been converted in a manner which was contemplated by the parties, *Slater* had no application and damages must be assessed by reference to the sub-sale "whether the plaintiff likes it or not".

Thus the plaintiff did not have the option to choose the outcome most favourable to him. The determination of the correct measure of damages was for the court, not the aggrieved party.

The sellers would have know that any defect in the film would not have been detected on delivery or in the process of manufacture. Their breach would have caused deterioration in service for which the ultimate users of the containers would have complained against the container manufacturers, who in turn would have complained against the plaintiffs.

Those factors pointed against a loss of value basis and towards a measure of damages based upon the plaintiff's liability to the subsequent or ultimate users of the decals.

In his Lordship's view, at the time of making their contract the parties were aware that the loss would not be the difference between the value of the goods delivered and the market value and accordingly the prima facie measure of damages ceased to be appropriate.

The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted for determination of damages.

LORD JUSTICE AULD, concurring, said the *Hadley v Baxendale* principle was the recovery of true loss and no more, or less. Where there was evidence showing the nature of the loss that the parties must be taken to have contemplated in the event of breach, it was not to be set aside by applying the prima facie test in section 53(3) simply because calculation of such contemplated loss would be difficult.

Where, as in the instant case, the contract of sale was between merchants both of whom contemplated that the subject matter of the sale was to be sold on, it offended the *Hadley v Baxendale* principle to rule out mutual contemplation by them of damage arising from the buyer's onward sale simply because the subject matter was to be altered or incorporated in another product.

The judge should have asked what the parties would have thought about the probable loss to the buyer in the event of a latent defect in the film at the time of delivery later causing trouble.

Those observations ran counter to the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Slater*, although they were of a piece with the approach of Mr Justice Devlin in *Biggin v Permanite* ([1951] 2 All ER 191).

In his Lordship's view, the time had come for *Slater* to be reconsidered at least in the context of claims by a buyer for damages for breach of warranty where he had successfully sold on the subject matter of the contract in its original or modified form without claims from his buyers. His Lordship did not agree with Lord Justice Otton that *Slater* could be distinguished from the instant case.

It seemed to his Lordship that the Court of Appeal in *Slater* had overlooked the basic rule in section 53(2) as to what would have been in the ordinary and natural contemplation of the parties, namely that the buyer could well be prejudiced in his onward dealing with the goods if they were defective.

The judge had asked whether there were special circumstances known at the time to the buyer which he should be taken as having accepted so as to restrict his claim or by which the seller should have contemplated exposing himself to an open-ended liability of indemnity.

That was the wrong approach in a case in which they would have contemplated that, in the event of a breach by the seller discovered only after the decals had been in use, the buyer might wish to pass on to it claims for damages from dissatisfied customers.

This was plainly a case in which the parties must be taken as having contemplated that any latent defect in the vinyl film at the time of delivery or at the time of conversion by the buyer into the decals might when later discovered render the buyer vulnerable to claims for damages which would wish to pass back to the seller.

Lord Justice Thorpe delivered a dissenting judgment.

Solicitors: Lace Mawer, Manchester; Hill Dickinson Davis Campbell, Liverpool.

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Trevor Nunn's star-studded screen adaptation of *Twelfth Night* reeks of class and refinement . . .

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. . . while *Tromeo and Juliet*, with its body piercing, dismemberment and kinky sex, glories in the gauche

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There are no star names, just plenty of genuine Gallic charm in Cédric Klapisch's *When the Cat's Away*

■ FILM 4

Hollywood's battering ram thunders into action again with Keanu Reeves in *Chain Reaction*

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on two tales of the Bard, from the sublimely Pre-Raphaelite to the ridiculously seedy

# Shakespeare shimmers and shocks

How do you like your Shakespeare on screen? Dressed to the nines in costumed finery and the best National Trust properties Cornwall can offer, or splattered with gore in a crude modern romp? This week you have both. Trevor Nunn's **Twelfth Night**, wayward but largely satisfying, bedecks the Bard's melancholy comedy with Pre-Raphaelite colours, fallen leaves, and a potpourri of acting notables ranging from Imogen Stubbs to Nigel Hawthorne. It reeks of class and refinement.

**Twelfth Night**
Odeon West End, 12, 133 mins
*Autumnal Shakespeare from Trevor Nunn*

**Tromeo & Juliet**
ABC Piccadilly, 18, 95 mins
*Juvenile trash*

**When the Cat's Away**
Curzon Mayfair, 15, 90 mins
*Captivating French film about Parisian life*

**Chain Reaction**
Odeon West End, 12, 106 mins
*Sub-standard product from the Hollywood factory*

**Nico Icon**
ICA Cinema, 72 mins
*Absorbing documentary about the Warhol siren*

*Tromeo and Juliet*, however, glories in being gauche. Its advertising tag reads "Body Piercing. Kinky Sex. Dismemberment. The Things That Made Shakespeare Great". This is a product of America's Troma company, well-known in the trade for shoestring schlock such as *Surf Nazis Must Die* and *Stuff Stephanie in the Incinerator*. Much of *Romeo and Juliet* has been stuffed in the incinerator too, though the discerning may spot a few original iambic pentameters poking out.

Nunn, however, gives us his Shakespeare neat, cut into swift-moving scenes. The former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company makes a film about every decade, and *Twelfth Night* shows far more concern for cinematic niceties than either *Hedda* (1975) or *Lady Jane* (1985). Clive Tickner's camera glories in autumn mists, formal gardens and the pageant of English country life (the play is updated to the late Victorian era). The editor's scissors whisk us abruptly between plot and subplot as the shipwrecked Viola dons male attire, joins the household of the lovesick Duke Orsino, and attracts the eyes of the haughty young countess Olivia.

Not everything in the garden is rosy. As Viola, Imogen Stubbs is fetchingly, teasingly androgynous, while Helena Bonham Carter's Olivia looks resplendent in auburn hair and a particularly gorgeous turquoise dress: you care about these young lovers, caught in a whirl of gender confusion and frustrated desire. Nigel Hawthorne is reliable too as the cruelly baited Malvolio. Malvolio's baiters are a different matter: by pushing too hard, Mel Smith and Richard E. Grant drain most of the comedy from Sirs Belch and Aguecheek, companions in booze. Ben Kingsley's lugubrious Feste is a mixed blessing, too.

But despite the lurches and fissures, the film hangs together, and never tries to over-dazzle, unlike Kenneth Branagh's Shakespearean ventures. Nunn makes autumn the perfect season for the comedy's darker moods; and the Pre-Raphaelite setting enhances the suggestion of an antique world embalmed in plush colours. In a little joke, Nunn makes Steven MacKintosh's Sebastian carry a Baedeker guide to the play's fictional country, Illyria. The film's ultimate triumph is to make us want to travel there too.

Who would yearn for the seedy Manhattan of **Tromeo & Juliet**? A juvenile audience, perhaps: one content with low-grade humour, rock-bottom special effects, a raucous rock soundtrack, the monstrous display of private parts, and dialogue like the following. Juliet: "Parting is such sweet sorrow." Tromeo: "It totally sucks." Occasionally the film, directed by Troma supremo Lloyd Kaufman, aims a little higher than this. One particular sequence, with Jane Jensen's Juliet imprisoned in a glass case, suggests a vein of warped surrealism waiting to be mined. But the Troma company's trademark gore, and the limited abilities of cast and crew, prevent excavations.

Civilised cinema returns with **When the Cat's Away**, a genuinely charming film from a French director new to Britain, Cédric Klapisch. There are no star names in the cast; but like Eric Rohmer, Klapisch has the gift for picking unknowns or non-professionals and letting them shine. In any case, the film needs no artificial lustre: its light and life come from the Paris streets, the courtyards, apartments and bars of the 11th arrondissement, Popincourt, where the heroine Chloé lives and roams.

Richard E. Grant and Mel Smith as companions in booze Aguecheek and Belch, in Trevor Nunn's misty, autumnal *Twelfth Night*

She is hunting for her cat Gris Gris, who was left in the care of an elderly neighbour while Chloé went on holiday. Friends scour the streets of a decaying area being hauled upmarket by chic new businesses and the redeveloper's wrecking ball. But the missing cat is only an excuse for Klapisch to explore the vulnerable community and his heroine's lonely life. This is a film of chance encounters and brief darting moments, mostly shot in bright primary colours; a film that recaptures that old New Wave sensation of life caught on the hop.

Garance Clavel is a delight as the slim, pensive make-up girl who is obviously missing far more than her cat; though the film's quirky texture derives mostly from the older residents, such as Renée Lecalm's Madame Renée, who chatter, bicker, and peer in disbelief at the metal bra in a fashion boutique window.

Klapisch keeps his slender story spinning so merrily that the few directorial slip-ups loom large. Chief among them is a trite dream sequence penetrating Chloé's mind, shot in bleached colours. This tells us nothing we need to know. But the aberration is brief: Klapisch soon returns to exterior reality and the Paris melting pot. This must be the most captivating film in town.

With **Chain Reaction** Hollywood's battering ram thunders into action again, flattening such age-old ingredients of drama as character, plot and motivation. Who is sabotaging Keanu Reeves and his chums at Chicago University as they strive to make water an energy source through a fancy process called sonoluminescence? Still, you can easily spot the rolling fireballs, exploding buildings and other diversions hurled at Reeves and his partner, Rachel Weisz.

In *The Fugitive*, the director Andrew Davis demonstrated a surprising knack for painting a human face on to the Hollywood action juggernaut. But the preposterous and derivative script for *Chain Reaction* gives him little room to work a second miracle. The most interesting acting comes from Morgan Freeman as the water project's guardian angel.

If your mind is numbed by *Chain Reaction*, the documentary **Nico Icon**, made for German television, may be just the thing to revive the brain cells. It educates. It entertains. Indeed, you might even wish the film ran a little longer, though probably no amount of extra footage could penetrate any deeper into the mystery of Nico, best known as the smoky-voiced siren of the Warhol Factory who sang with the Velvet Underground.

Relatives and colleagues chart an extraordinary life that began in Germany in 1938. Then she was called Christa Paffgen. She became a model. She appeared in *La dolce vita*. She joined Andy Warhol's court in New York. Instead of thrusting out her own personality, she let others stamp themselves upon her. Delighting in death and hating her own beauty, she ended her life a raddled caricature, dying in Ibiza in 1988.

The director, Susanne Ofteringer, adopts various tricks to avoid a static parade of talking heads. Images come in different sizes, different densities. In archive clips we glimpse that distant planet, the Swinging Sixties. But nothing distracts from the fascinating spectacle of Warhol survivors recalling their vanished world; or veteran bohemian Carlos de Maldonado-Bostock, hands whirling like windmills; or the relatives who nurse mixed feelings, particularly over Nico's fling at motherhood with Alain Delon. "Rotten actor, rotten man," Maldonado-Bostock asserts. No wonder Delon was not interviewed.

## SNAP VERDICT

*Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .*

☐ *TWELFTH NIGHT*

**David Balfour, 20:** English country garden twaddle to showcase the marginal talents of minor British luvvies. Not even the gorgeous Helena Bonham Carter can keep the viewer's attention for long. To sleep, perchance to snore.

**Sorrel Moseley-Williams, 20:** Mel Smith nearly steals the limelight as the burping Sir Toby Belch. The bantering is hilarious and Richard E. Grant, Helena Bonham Carter and Imogen Stubbs make it entertaining from start to finish. An array of moustaches and a craggy location simply add to the film's excellence.

**James Crabtree, 19:** A "best of British" cast give consistently good performances. Beautiful to look at and enjoyable to watch.

**Johan Almenberg, 20:** Everything about this film is quality. It isn't as swiftly brilliant as Branagh's *Much Ado About Nothing*, but in the end I felt this was to the film's advantage. This is Shakespeare for anyone who loves film, as much as vice versa. I loved it.

☐ *CHAIN REACTION*

**David:** Even the trailer for this "action-packed thriller" was boring. There is almost nothing of any worth about this film apart from Morgan Freeman and he is nothing special. The action is predictable and executed without any conviction.

**Sorrel:** Keanu is fat, wears sweaters and is a totally unconvincing graduate student. Structurally flawed and a waste of prime talent, even Morgan Freeman cannot salvage his dignity from the dirge.

**James:** This is part action, part sci-fi thriller. It deals with none of the scientific questions it raises and becomes little more than a series of special effects. Thankfully, Morgan Freeman gives a superior performance. A B-movie wrapped in an A-movie budget.

**Johan:** I thought it was too predictable. But the action is great enough to make it shamelessly entertaining. So if two hours of Keanu Reeves and grand-scale destruction of property is all you want from a film, go see this one.

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RADIO

Two readers have complained that I do not write about Radio 3 nearly enough. By way of mitigation I would only say that writing about the network's output would often smack of music reviewing rather than radio reviewing. By way of recompense I shall now write about Radio 3.

*The Third At 50*, which is a season marking the 50th anniversary of the old Third Programme, is turning out to be quite splendid. There is some nostalgia, but it is nostalgia with a point, and the season is loaded with imaginative flights.

There were two examples this week. **Sunday Feature: Me and Louis MacNeice** was a marvellous way of harking back to the days when BBC Radio's features department was the place to work within Broadcasting House and it was proof that the BBC can still do a radio feature with wit and aplomb.

The programme, produced by Louise Greenberg and presented by Colin McLaren, told the story of a broadcasting era through the eyes of an imaginary couple: Christopher Taplin, a writer-producer in the features department, and his wife Lucy, once Taplin's secretary and later a pioneer in television. There are knowing types all over BH who reckon they know just whom the characters are based upon, but the effort defeated me. They came over as composite characters, classic BBC types wonderfully played by Timothy Davies and Fiona Walker.

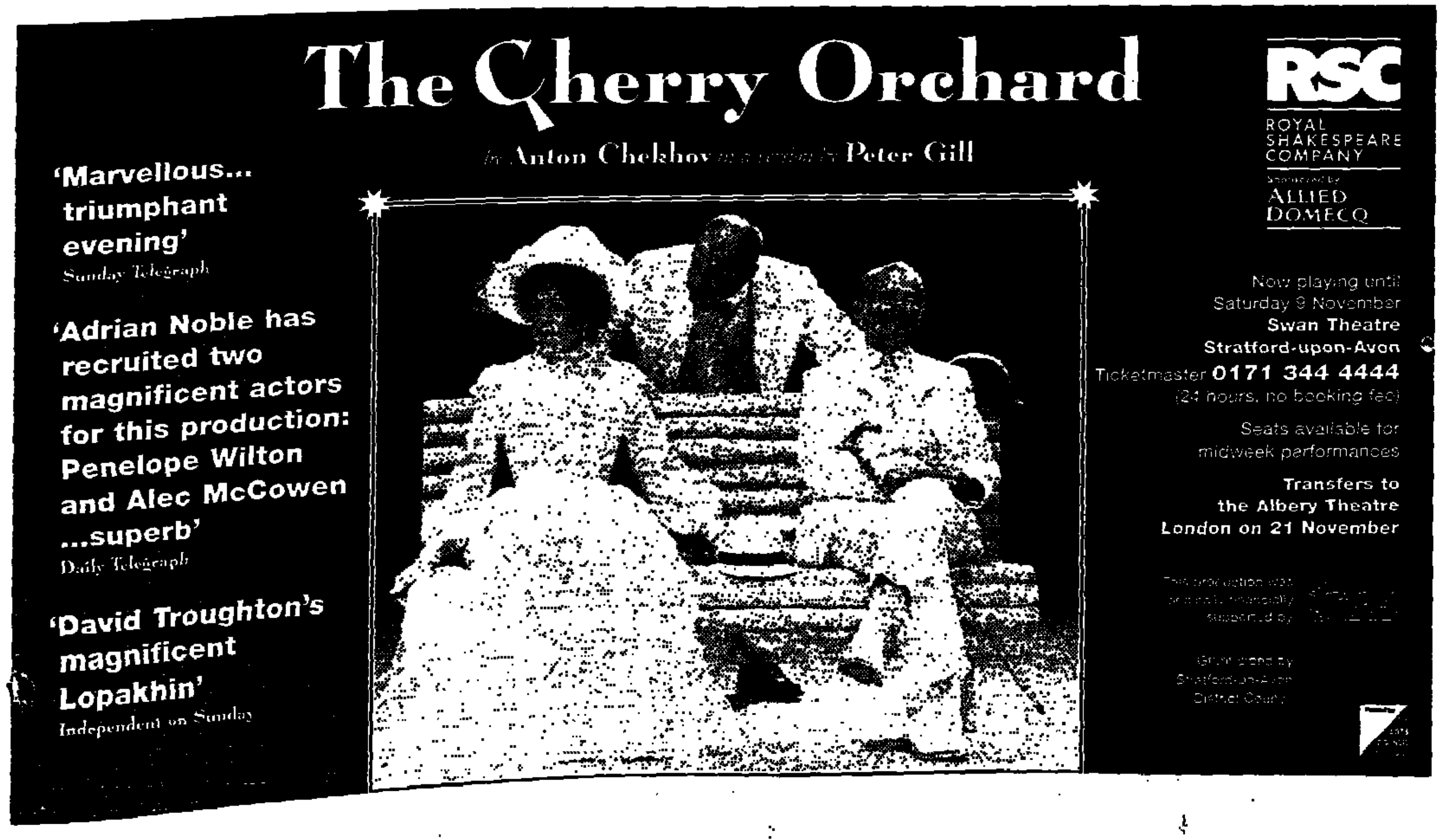
This mix of fact and fiction was followed by outright drama in **Man and Superman**. At this point I must disappoint my aforementioned correspondents: I am not a drama critic, either. But the point about Shaw's megawork was that it was the first drama transmitted by the Third Programme — on October 1, 1946 — and Sunday's production was commissioned for the anniversary.

The most significant common factor demonstrated by these two programmes is not that they harked back to the Third Programme. The really striking thing is that they demonstrate production values, which really means a commitment to excellence, of a level that makes those who still bemoan the passing of the Third look a touch silly.

Nicholas Kenyon, the Controller of Radio 3, may have made some mistakes, but he has kept the quality flag at the masthead.

He has also resisted absurd and mutually exclusive demands: from one side that he should be more like Classic FM and from the other that the rival should be ignored. Classic FM is still a small player in the market, with a budget one tenth the size of Kenyon's. The fact that Classic FM attracts more listeners is an irrelevance which says more about society than it does about radio.

PETER BARNARD



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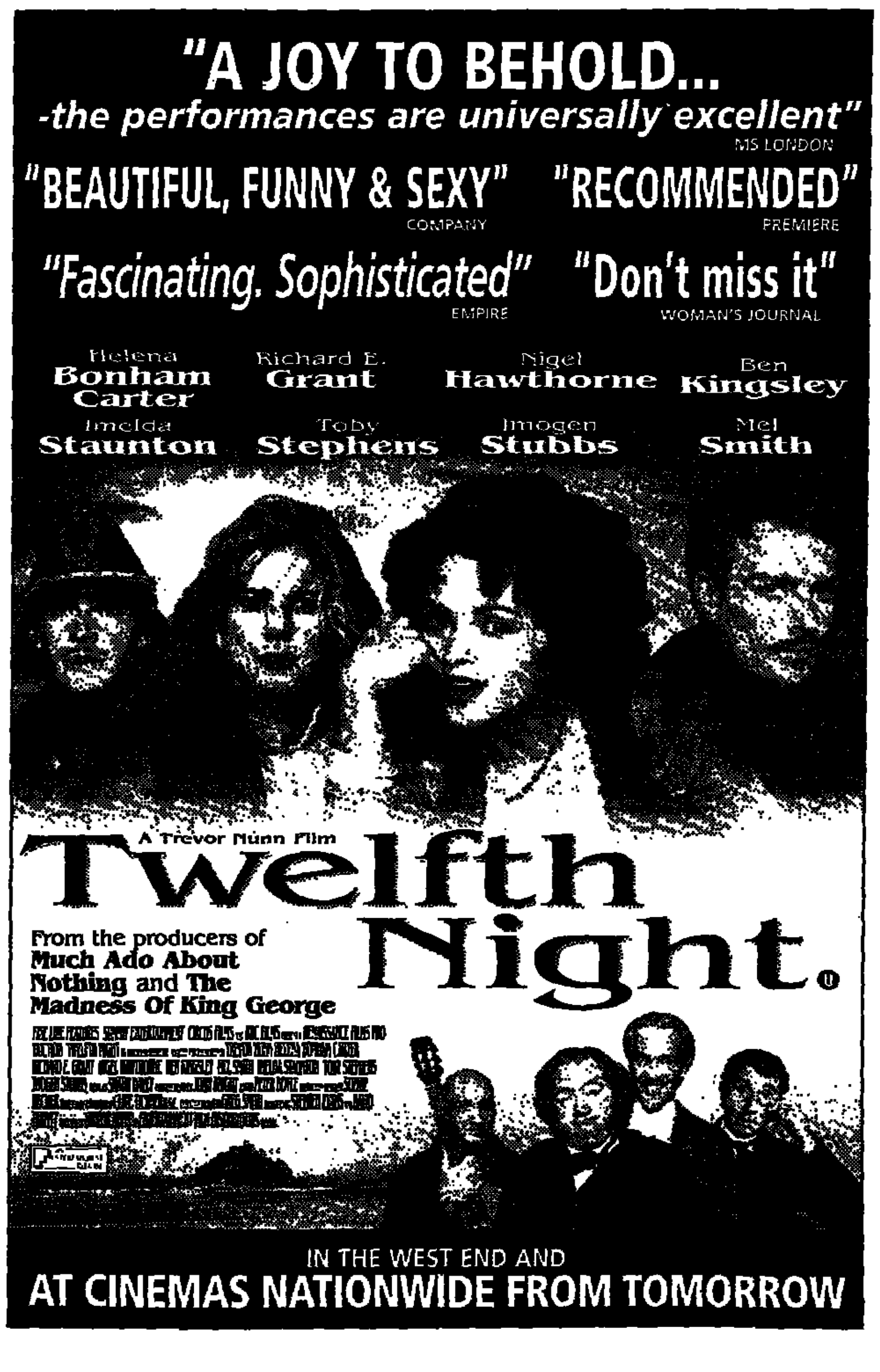

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It may be long, but the 220 minutes of Edward Bond's new play, *In the Company of Men*, just race by

■ MUSIC 1

William Lyne has turned Wigmore Hall into the envy of the world, but after 30 years he isn't finished yet

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■ MUSIC 2

The Philharmonia's new principal conductor, *Christoph* von Dohnányi, gives London a taste of the future

■ MUSIC 3

Mikhail Pletnev proves himself a man of many talents, conducting Beethoven and Mozart with the LSO

DONALD COOPER

John Light (left) and Karl Johnson as son and father

# Arms, the man and his son

**THEATRE**

**In the Company of Men**
Barbican Pit

FIRST the seemingly bad news: Edward Bond's new *play lasts 3 hours 40 minutes.* But next, and quickly, the good news, that almost all the 220 minutes race by, so engrossing is the major part of the drama that Bond shapes.

He weaves together two stories, both concerned with conflicts that are ancient yet modern. In one the struggle is for ownership of Oldfields, a vastly successful manufacturing business: this is the world of takeovers and secret deals. The other conflict is between the father who created the business and the son who wants a share in the running of it. To these two rivalries Bond gives extra tension by making the ambitious young man an adopted son, and specifying the company's product as armaments.

Most of the action takes place on a bare wooden daïs on which are set desk or table or armchair to indicate the changing locale. In the last scene the daïs heaves itself up vertically to become the rear wall of a doss-house cellar. Why Bond, who also directs, and his designer, Eryl Ellis, vary the setting here is unclear. Perhaps it is the equivalent of a musical composer's change of tone or speed before *the closing bars.*

In this world of human piranha fish Bond's characters are more prone to poetic imagery, rhetoric and summaries of their behaviour than would be found naturally in the carpeted boardrooms of ECI. I raise no objection to this, however, when it allows Bond to create a character as fascinating as the complexly sinister Hammond (mesmerising performance by David Ryall), eager to add armaments to his food companies, foreseeing this to be the unbeatable combination for the 21st century.

The antics of the fatuous gambler Wilbraham provide another delight, marvellously played as he is by Richard Cordery. The play is a largely successful mixture of sharply worded drama and black farce, both present in the final meeting between curt father (Karl Johnson) and enigmatic son (John Light).

Finally too enigmatic, though evidently nothing so changes one's view of the world as a failed attempt to kill dad. An exciting evening.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MUSIC: **Richard Morrison** meets the man who transformed a fusty old hall into today's prime venue

# The Wigmore's backroom boy

Back in the Sixties a young Australian took a year's leave from his job with the Australian Broadcasting Commission to visit Britain. While in London he saw a job advertisement that intrigued him: for an assistant at the Wigmore Hall. He already knew the name. "We used to get *The Sunday Times* in Australia, and for some reason the concert announcements for the Wigmore Hall always fascinated me," William Lyne recalls.

He got the post. Not long afterwards the Wigmore's manager retired. The young Australian found himself running what was then perceived as a fusty old recital hall, increasingly shunned by the smart musical set and sliding into a genteel but probably terminal decline.

That was on October 24, 1966. Thirty years later, Lyne is still there. More importantly, so is the Wigmore. Its concerts are sold out for an average of 25 nights a month. It is the centre of an extraordinary revival of enthusiasm for chamber music and song recitals. There is no other hall like it in the world, and for that reason the world's best chamber musicians queue up to play there. And its audiences, far from being predominantly wrinkly and well-heeled, can be characterised by one common trait only: a profound love of music.

For all this, Lyne is largely responsible. He alone possessed the vision and the dogged determination to revive the spirit of this beautiful hall. Perhaps it needed an Australian to perceive what the British were on the point of throwing away. It certainly helped that Lyne was, and is, unstuffy and unpretentious: the Wigmore's atmosphere today is largely a reflection of his character.

Tonight will see the first of two concerts celebrating his 30th anniversary. This one is a "Director's Choice" of songs; whereas the contents of the "William Lyne Surprise 30th Anniversary Concert" on November 22 have been kept secret, especially from Lyne.

How has Lyne been so successful? First, he has excellent musical judgment. He has struck up long relationships with many superb artists, often on little more than a hunch. Anne Sophie von Otter, now one of the world's leading mezzos, was given a Wigmore platform straight out of music college. The Takacs Quartet, the violinist Joshua Bell, the pianist Andras Schiff and the cellist Steven Isserlis feature in most seasons. "I get upset if they play chamber music anywhere else in London," Lyne says.

> ‘I get upset if they play anywhere else’

He is constantly seeking brilliant new talent. Occasionally, a newspaper arts editor will receive a "Yours, Bill": a short note from Lyne that gently recommends the dispatching of a critic to review a virtually unknown performer. Wise arts editors do not demur.

An endorsement from Lyne has the same effect on the 1,200 Friends of the Wigmore, who form the backbone of the regular audience. "I get patrons coming up and saying 'I've just booked tickets for so-and-so on your recommendation, so he'd better be good'," Lyne says. But his hunches are rarely wrong.

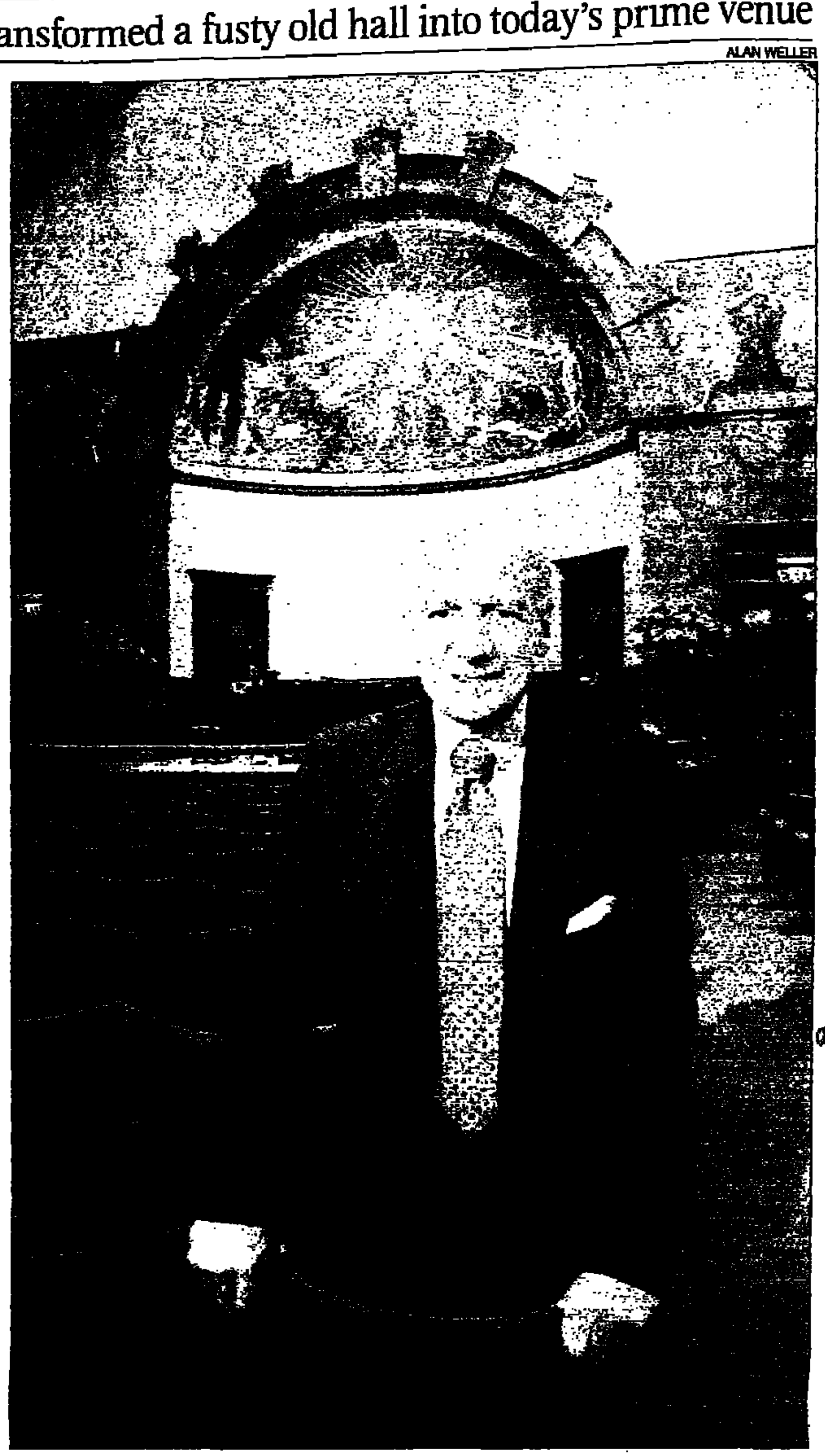
Nor do his innovations often fail. The Wigmore was the first hall in London to introduce themed concert series — in 1979, with a revelatory Fauré cycle. Its Sunday morning "coffee concerts" and its rush-hour concerts on Wednesday evenings attract audiences at a time when no other promoter would dare contemplate a concert. Lyne will inaugurate a singers' competition next September; he also wants a composer-in-residence.

*But his biggest plan* involves bricks and mortar. In the early Nineties he supervised the stunning redevelopment which left the hall itself untouched (though redecorated), but vastly increased the foyer and catering spaces. Now he has another grand scheme: to build a second Wigmore auditorium, seating 250 to 300 people, at the back of the site to provide a smaller space for students and young artists.

Michael Hopkins (who designed the new Glyndebourne) would be the architect. Lottery money would be sought, and the aim would be to build in time for the Wigmore's centenary in 2001. "But the main thing is to get a hall of the right quality, not to meet any specific deadline," Lyne says.

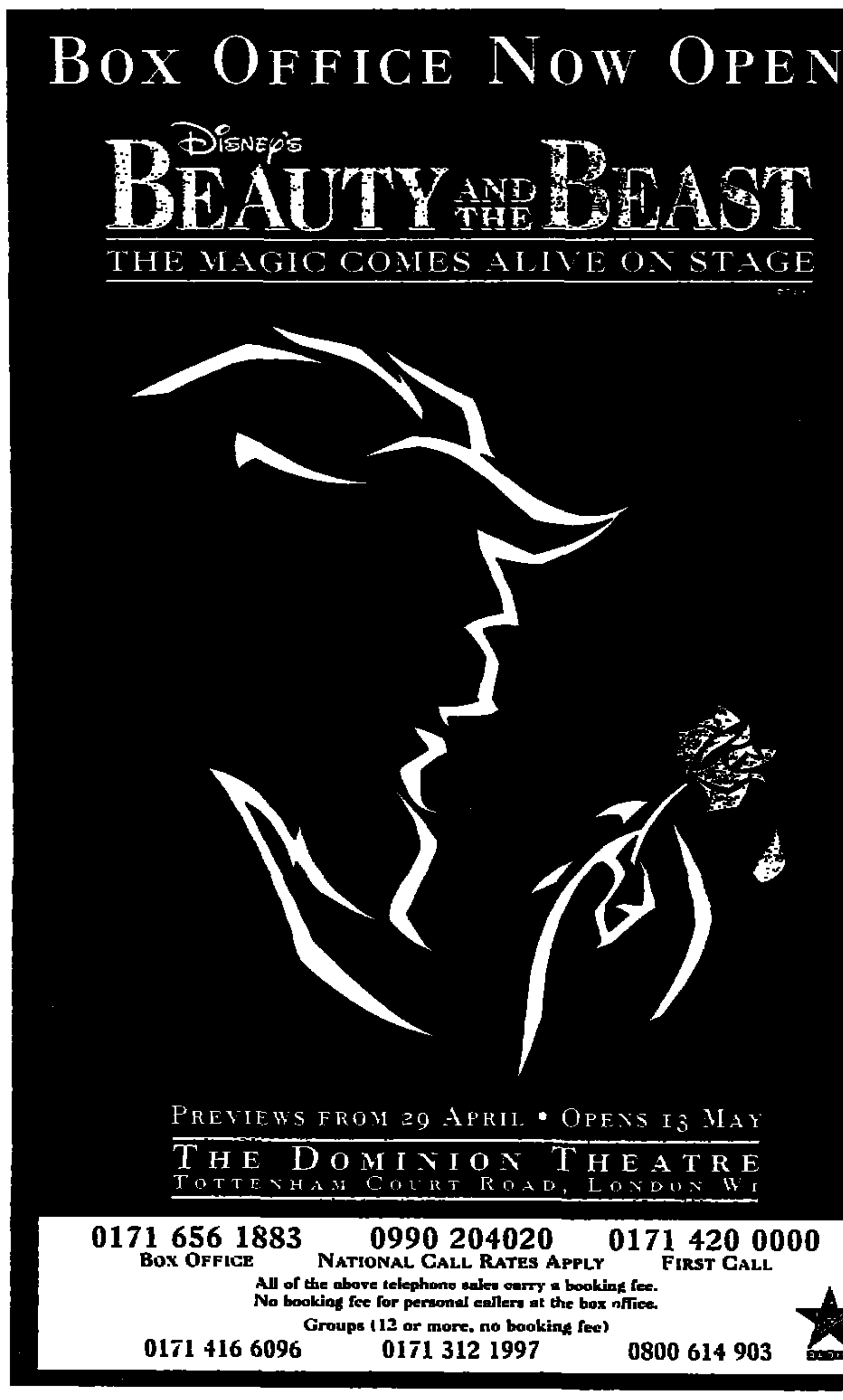
If it is built, it should certainly be called the William Lyne Hall. Few backroom boys have done more for the cause of British musical life.

● *Returns only available for the two anniversary concerts (0171-935 2141)*



ALAN WELLER

William Lyne: not content with the Wigmore's recent overhaul, he has expansive plans



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CONCERTS: Pletnev and Dohnányi on the podium

# Master of mischief

IT SURELY cannot be long before Mikhail Pletnev turns to theatre direction: not yet 40, he has done almost everything else. But despite his hyperactivity, Pletnev's music-making shows no signs of baton-rage. Sunday's Barbican concert with the LSO was measured in its approach to Beethoven and Mozart. Pletnev found both majesty and drollery in Beethoven's Eighth Symphony.

The characteristic Pletnev mischief surfaced in the Allegretto *scherzando*, which seemed intent on proving the apocryphal story that the movement was a musical spoof on the newly invented metronome. The sturdy bassoon staccato was matched by the drollery of the horn-playing in the Minuet's Trio.

Gravitas returned in a slow, sobre and concentrated performance of Mozart's C minor Mass. The London Symphony Chorus had been rigorously trained, and their phrases, carved out in forceful consonants, were moulded by Pletnev into statuesque lines and paragraphs.

Susan Gritton led the quartet of soloists. She sang the *Et incarnatus est* with an irresistible radiance, in the company of the pastoral flute and oboe soloists. Barbara Frittoli, platinum to Gritton's silver, was the second soprano: one could hear the Fiordiligi in her, flaming its way through her fearless *Laudamus te*. Brian Bannatyne-Scott's bass made a brief, supportive appearance in the final *Benedictus*; Gwyn Hughes Jones was the refreshingly sobre, chamber-musical tenor.

HILARY FINCH

# Whirlwind ride

DIRECTING his first concert since the announcement on Tuesday of his appointment as principal conductor of the **Philharmonia Orchestra**, **Christoph von Dohnányi** gave notice at the Festival Hall of the stimulating music-making that is likely to result from the relationship.

Dohnányi's fingerprint was clear from the start in the overture to Wagner's *Rienzi*. It is difficult to keep vulgarity at bay in this piece, with indignity after indignity heaped on the rather splendid tune that opens it. Dohnányi did his best, but could not resist giving clamorous brass and clattering percussion their head.

Similarly, in Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony in E Minor, he played up the reediness of clarinet passages and allowed woodwinds generally to add pungent voices to the texture. Certainly it added flavour and bite to each of the movements, while the first and last in particular had such energy and drive that one was swept along by the whirlwind. Late Romantic repertoire of this sort will surely benefit from the unique blend of passion and intellectualism that this conductor has to offer.

Bartók's Second Piano Concerto, with Garrick Ohlsson the dynamic soloist, was also given a reading with a vigorous rhythmic edge. Indeed, one sensed that the first movement was on the edge of the possible: a fraction faster and it would have toppled into incoherence.

As it was, soloist and orchestra were stretched to the limit, and if certain individual phrases failed to register as a result, at least the cumulative effect was one of spiky buoyancy. The Adagio was lacking a little in mystery, but the finale took off like a rocket and stayed airborne to the end.

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**Janet McTeer stars as *A Doll's House* reaches the West End**

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Playhouse

■ CHOICE 2

**Tadaaki Otaka conducts the CBSO in a programme of 20th-century music**

VENUE: Tonight at Symphony Hall

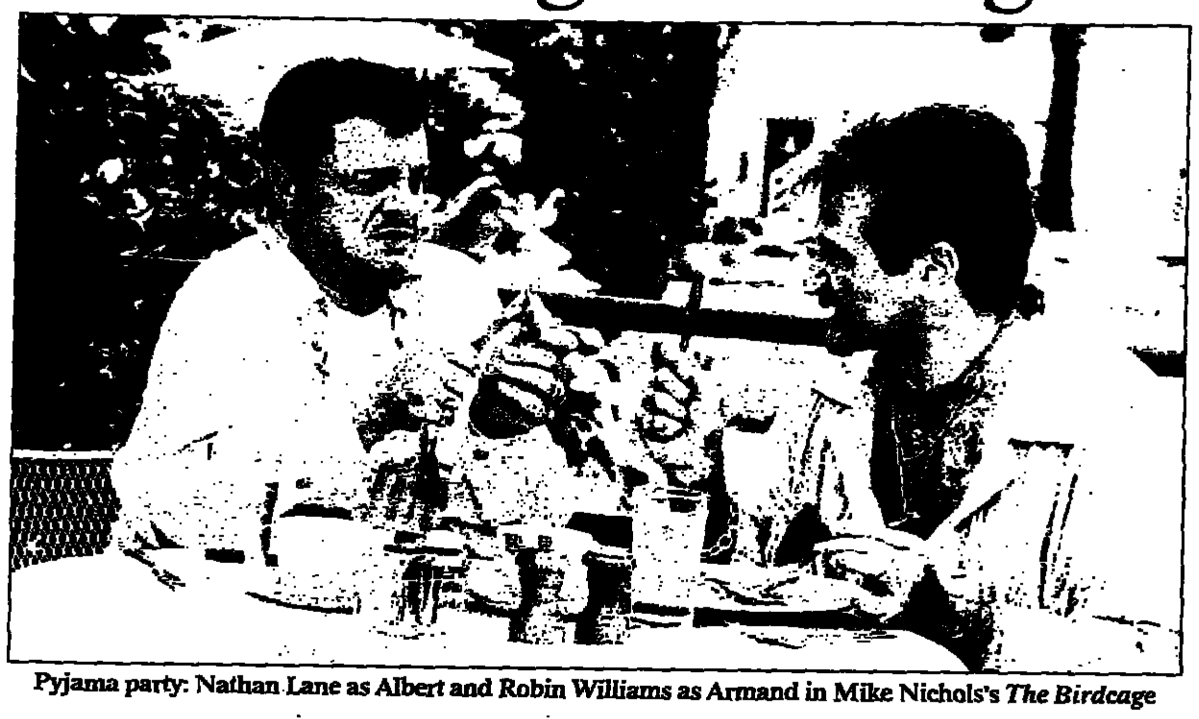
# All a-flutter in a gilded cage

NEW ON VIDEO

**■ THE BIRDCAGE**
*MGM/UA, 15, 1996*
MIKE NICHOLS'S revamp of *La Cage aux folles* was a big popular success, though to these eyes it killed the original's charm by whisking the story to South Beach, Florida, dispensing with subtlety, and sprinkling in some topical jokes in a doomed attempt to make the material contemporary. Robin Williams seems uneasy with his role as the buttoned-down Armand; but Nathan Lane flounces with finesse and some natural warmth as his flamboyant partner. Available to rent.

**■ NELLY & MR ARNAUD**
*Guild World Cinema, PG, 1995*
LOVERS of civilised cinema should pounce on Claude Sautet's subtle and tender study of an older man and a younger woman edging towards intimacy. He (Michel Serrault) is a retired colonial judge; she (Emmanuelle Béart) is a 25-year-old brimming with unfulfilled desires. There is no sex: just looks, hesitations and a secret caress, wonderfully conveyed by the two lead actors and a veteran director on top form.

**■ RICHARD III**
*PolyGram, 15, 1996*
"MY KINGDOM for a horse!" Ian McKellen cries as his Jeep is hit outside Battersea Power Station. This is just a sample of the jolts in store as Shakespeare is clothed in the Fascist uniforms of the 1930s and pushed onto the screen with great success by Richard Loncraine, an exuberant director with no theatrical ties. Annette Bening and Robert Downey Jr also feature, but get easily swamped by the Brits. Available to rent.



Pyjama party: Nathan Lane as Albert and Robin Williams as Armand in Mike Nichols's *The Birdcage*

**■ STRANGE DAYS**
*CIC, 18, 1995*
PREPARE for sensory overload as director Kathryn Bigelow lets rip with the latest Hollywood technology to create a teeming portrait of a nightmarish LA on the brink of the millennium. Ralph Fiennes is the squalid hero, a former cop turned black marketeer whose trafficking in virtual reality brings him up against rape, murder and police brutality. As spectacle the film is often amazing, though the story and characters leave much to be desired, and Bigelow is not above playing the voyeur while violence runs rampant. Available to rent.

**■ UNDERGROUND**
*Artificial Eye, 15, 1995*
EMIR KUSTURICA'S comedy epic about the Balkans, winner of the top prize at Cannes, starts off in splendid surreal style with German bombs raining down during feeding time at Belgrade's zoo. But the director's flamboyance soon gets wearing as the deluded partisans of the Second World War continue to hide in their underground bunker far into Tito's reign. Kusturica hammers home the central conceit of a postwar Yugoslavia crippled by fear, propaganda and a siege mentality; and the visual imagination, by and large, suggests a third-rate Fellini movie.

GEOFF BROWN

## NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Vivaldi in Dresden; Alagna as Hoffmann; Daugherty as Superman

### CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

**■ VIVALDI**
**Dresden Sonatas**
Biondi/Europa Galante
*Opus III OPS 30-154★★★*
THE violinist Fabio Biondi and his ensemble Europa Galante have become something of a symbol of the rebirth of Baroque performance in Italy; anyone who has heard their new-minted Vivaldi *Four Seasons* and recent Corelli *Concerti Grossi* is not likely to forget them in a hurry. Now, thanks to the sharp-eyed record company Opus III, who took Biondi up in the first place, there is an exciting new recording of Vivaldi's *Dresden Sonatas* — so called because the violinist Johann Georg Pisendel, of the Dresden Court Orchestra, visited Italy, persuaded Vivaldi to make over the autograph score to him, and returned to Dresden to start a Vivaldi cult.

Biondi is the Ariel of the violin: his voice is delightfully distinctive, from the plangent abstraction of the slow movements to the high-stepping harlequinade of the alternating dance movements. There are no end of mercurial runs and figurations; but it is Biondi's quicksilver imagination which so thrillingly recreates Vivaldi's own. This irresistible recital ends with a little *Saraband* by Pisandel himself, a graceful nod to his Venetian friend and mentor.

### OPERA

John Higgins

**■ OFFENBACH**
**Les Contes d'Hoffmann**
Dessay/Sumi Jo/Vaduva/Alagna/van Dam/Lyons Opera Orchestra/Nagano
*Erato 0630 14330-2 (3 CDs)★★*
THIS is Roberto Alagna's third opera set this autumn. Alas, his Offenbach is not up to *Don Carlos* or Rodolfo in *Bohème*. For both of those he had plenty of stage preparation and the guiding hand of conductor Antonio Pappano.

Alagna's Hoffmann has its moments, but too much of the singing is almost casual and too much is strident. As a doomed lover he can certainly turn on the power, but Hoffmann was a poet and a dreamer as well. Kent Nagano takes a similarly brash approach to the score. The bright orchestral sound works well enough for the marches and waltzes, but *Hoffmann* needs time to breathe.

There are, though, plenty of worthwhile surrounding contributions, starting with José van Dam's four villains, each neatly spiced with a different brand of malice. Leontina Vaduva's Antonia is equally classy and she alone manages to slow down Nagano. Natalie Dessay is precise as Olympia, for a long time Sumi Jo's role. She has now moved on, rather less happily, to Giulietta.

A new performing edition by Michael Kaye is used, which means that Dapertutto's *Scintille, diamant* has been dropped as unauthentic. It can be found on André Cluytens's classic 1948 recording, recently released by EMI (7243 5 65260 2). In those days they did not squabble about versions but played what sounded right in the theatre.

### ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

**■ DAUGHERTY**
**Metropolis Symphony: Bizarro**
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra/Zinman
*Argo 452 103-2★★★*
TITLES such as *Le tombeau de Liberace* and *Dead Elvis* are evidence of, at the very least, an ability to catch the ear. But Michael Daugherty is also rapidly acquiring a reputation as a chronicler of popular contemporary American culture. If icons such as Liberace and Elvis carry just a whiff of nostalgia, then so too does the invocation of Superman in Daugherty's *Metropolis Symphony*: in fact, the work was inspired by the fiftieth anniversary of the comic-strip hero's first appearance.

Each of the five movements of the symphony investigates a different aspect of the Superman myth: the whistles and fiendish chase music of *Lex*, for example, invoke the villain Lex Luthor, while *Krypton* refers to the exploding planet from which the infant Superman escaped. The reworking of the medieval *Dies irae* chant as a tango (Superman's fight to the death with Doomsday) is a typical Daugherty conceit, skilfully carried off.

*Bizarro*, a spin-off from the Superman project, is closer to the worlds of big-band jazz and rock. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and David Zinman, who add this disc to an impressive continuing series of Americana on Decca's "progressive" label, Argo, are more than equal to the task.

★ *Worth hearing*
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## TODAY'S CHOICE

**A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie**

### LONDON

**CELEBRITY RECITAL:** The acclaimed American pianist Stephen Kovacevich takes a break from his current undertaking — the recording of all Beethoven's sonatas — to give a recital of works by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann and Schubert.
**Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

**A DOLL'S HOUSE:** Janet McTeer slams the door in Anthony Page's production of Ibsen's proto-feminist drama. Owen Teale plays her smothering husband, with John Carlisle as Dr Rank.
**Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

**THE GUITAR TRIO:** Three old associates team up for an evening of music blending some very individual styles. Paco de Lucia, master of modern flamenco guitar, Al Di Meola who made his name with Chick Corea, and John McLaughlin who used to play with Miles Davis, have all performed solo to full houses here in the past.
**Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). 7.30pm. Ⓢ

**IN THE COMPANY OF MEN:** Edward Bond directs his own new play, with Karl Johnson and John Light playing a father and son pair of corporate raiders in the City jungle.
**Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7pm; mat today and Sat, 1.30pm. In rep.

### ELSEWHERE

**BIRMINGHAM:** In a programme tonight and Saturday, the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** under Tadaaki Otaka performs Debussy, Takemitsu, Copland and Stravinsky.
**Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm, Sat, 7pm.

**CANTERBURY:** Final leg of the UK tour for the Romanian National Opera. Tonight offers an opportunity to see Bellini's lyrical work, **Norma**, with performances of *The Magic Flute* tomorrow and *Aida* on Saturday.
**Marlowe Theatre**, The Friars (01227 787787). All performances at 7.15pm. Ⓢ

**IPSWICH:** The powerful physical style of **Shared Experience Theatre** is brought to Shakespeare's mystical play, *The Tempest*, to create what promises to be a dynamic and adventurous event. Nancy Meckler directs this new production presented in association with the Wolsey Theatre.
**Wolsey Theatre**, Civic Drive (01473 253725). Tue-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 4pm and 8pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. Until Nov 9

**SOUTHAMPTON:** **English National Ballet** brings Ronald Hynd's legendary production of *Coppélia* to town. Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's spooky tale *Der Sandmann*, the ballet is set to music by Delibes.
**Mayflower Theatre**, Commercial Road (01703 711811). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

### LONDON GALLERIES

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**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

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☐ **ART:** Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott in exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white canvas. Matthew Warchus directs.
**Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm

☐ **BY JEEVES:** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.
**Lyric**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **CASH ON DELIVERY:** Bradley Walsh in his first leading West End role in farcical panic about benefit fraud, written by Michael Cooney and directed by his dad, Ray.
**Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed, 3pm.

☐ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER:** Wife-killing thriller, written when phone numbers still included letters — and its old-age is self-evident.
**Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR:** Neil Simon's funny account of working among a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid.
**Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm

☐ **MOJO:** Second chance to see the multi-award-winning Jez Butterworth's hair-raising play, set in Soho gangland.
**Royal Court Theatre Downstairs (Duke of York's)**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm

**MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION:** Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Bartlett's strongly cast production of Shaw's 1893 shocker.
**Lyric**, King St, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

**NIGHT MUST FALL:** Inadequate production of Emlyn Williams' overpraised melodrama. Jason Donovan searches for a Welsh accent.
**Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE OEDIPUS PLAYS:** Alan Howard in the title role of *Oedipus the King* and *Oedipus at Colonus*. Peter Hall directs a translation by Ranjit Bolt.
**National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7pm, mat Sat, 1.30pm. In rep

☐ **UNCLE VANYA:** Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast: Frances Barber, Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve, Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, et al.
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**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

### NEW RELEASES

**BOSTON KICKOUT** (18): School leavers seek good times in Stevenage. Lively debut feature by director Paul Hills; with John Simm and Emer McCourt.
**ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

**BREAKING THE WAVES** (18): Lars Von Trier's extraordinary melodrama about a naive Scottish girl (Emily Watson, wonderful) giving her all to an oil-rig worker. With Stellan Skarsgård.
**Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **DRAGONHEART** (PG): Patchwork medieval fantasy about a knight and a dragon with Sean Connery's voice. With Dennis Quaid; director, Rob Cohen.
**Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) Ⓢ **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **A GOOFY MOVIE** (U): Modest cartoon feature aimed at small fry, the first to star the daffy dog from Disney's shorts. Director, Kevin Lima.
**Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

**NOTHING PERSONAL** (15): Uncompromising drama about sectarian violence in Belfast. Strong performances by Ian Hart, John Lynch and James Frain. Director, Thaddeus O'Sullivan.
**Metro** (0171-437 0757) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **TIN CUP** (15): Pleasing comedy about a reckless golfer (Kevin Costner) trying for the US Open. With Rene Russo, Don Johnson.
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**TWO DAYS IN THE VALLEY** (18): Smartly cast thriller with Danny Aiello and James Spader as hitmen in the San Fernando Valley. Director, John Herzfeld.
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◆ **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS** (PG): Hit-and-miss adaptation of the children's classic, with Terry Jones as Toad and Eric Idle as Rat.
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### CURRENT

**BROTHERS IN TROUBLE** (15): Resonant drama about illegal immigrants in Sixties Britain, with Om Puri and Angeline Ball.
**ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

◆ **JANE EYRE** (PG): Decent but bloodless adaptation of the novel, with Charlotte Gainsbourg and William Hurt. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
**Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

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# Carrying on with a white man in Africa

Body-fungus and sweat-terrorism: **Thomas Pakenham** navigates the story of an African river expedition, through waters of snapping crocodiles, in search of long-forgotten dinosaurs

CONGO JOURNEY
**By Redmond O'Hanlon**
*Hamish Hamilton, £18*
*ISBN 0 241 12768 8*

The story opens in Poto-Poto, a poor quarter of Brazzaville in Africa, when the smiling *féticheuse* reads their fortunes from cowrie shells.

"I hope to go on a great journey through the far northern forests," says Redmond O'Hanlon, the leader of the expedition, "by dug-out to the headwaters of the Motaba where we'll abandon the boats, walk east through the swamp jungle and across the watershed to the Ibenga ... and then, if we're lucky, paddle down to the Likouala-aux-Herbes and walk to the hidden lake, Lake Télé, where Mokélé-mbembe, the Congo dinosaur, is said to live."

"No! No! No!" protests the *féticheuse*, "Then you will die."

Of course, far from dying, O'Hanlon completes his excruciating six-month journey in triumph, and has spent the last five years slaving away at this brilliant, hilarious, self-intoxicated book.

Some critics have compared O'Hanlon's travel writing to Evelyn Waugh's. But there is no comparison. Waugh was a fastidious writer, frugal with words, careful to keep his wit dry; if he was intoxicated, it was not with himself. O'Hanlon lets everything hang out when he goes up river. Words splash down him relentlessly. He evacuates his mind onto the page.

In the traditional travel book, the author keeps a firm grip on the narrative; dialogue is brief and to the point. Most of this book is in dialogue, and it is often hard to follow the track of the expedition. Did I misread their maps, or did *they* misread their maps? They seem to be going round in circles. But perhaps it doesn't matter. In the swamp jungle one mud-hut is as good as another. But whatever happened to Mokélé-mbembe, the dinosaur they were supposed to be searching for? That, too, seems to be forgotten. On goes the dialogue, flowing like old man Congo, until their paddlers bring them safely back to Brazzaville, with their kitbags, a goat, a baby gorilla and two crocodiles.

O'Hanlon: lavish

To be fair to O'Hanlon he is not too happy about the crocodiles. These are the special interest of the Congolese partner in the expedition, Marcellin Agnagna. In Marcellin, O'Hanlon has created a splendid, predatory central figure. He is the *chef de service* of the Department of Fauna Preservation in the People's Republic of the Congo, the product of a French lycée and a college in Cuba. Marcellin has invented the myth of the Congo dinosaur to fool Japanese tourists, and to some extent he has fooled O'Hanlon himself. The dinosaur, an African Nessie, gives Marcellin and his hangers-on a good living.

He can combine a career as travel guide (and womaniser, for he has a girl in every port on the river) with field research for his uncompleted thesis on crocodiles. To extract more money to pay for women and crocodiles, he plays on the white men's terrors of the jungle. ("You'll be attacked by bees. There'll be leopards round the camp at night. You'll get ulcers on your legs. You'll develop body fungus. You must take care with vipers and cobras.") When these terrors pall, he plays the fetish card. Finally, when O'Hanlon runs out of cash, Marcellin asks for a recommendation for an academic post at Oxford.

The other central figure in the story, apart from the irrepressible O'Hanlon himself, is Dr Lary Shaffer, a hard-drinking, hard-swearing American academic. My suspicion that he had been supplied by Central Casting was confirmed when Dr Shaffer confessed his spirit was broken by the horrors of life in the swamp jungle.

"Jesus," said Lary. "That was the worst night of my whole life."

"Yeah! How did it rate ..."

"I was sweat-terrorised. Stomach-turning fear shitstruck. I'd gladly sleep with *my* head down a toilet then go through that again ... And you, you fat bastard, you just went off to sleep ..."

Commendably, Lary stays in the story, his face crinkled with terror, till page 277, when he is allowed to fly back home. ("Shaffer, you're going home. You've done your stint. You've kept your word.")

At its best the book is a tour de force. No one is better than O'Hanlon at conveying the awful monotony of Central African life — the squelch of mud and the tang of rotting fruit — contrasted with the beauty of its birds and animals. At its worst this is Carry-on-up-the-Congo with every crack a wisecrack.

I felt sorry for the Africans (Marcellin excepted) who accompanied O'Hanlon. To have to laugh at the white man's jokes, as well as carrying his bed and his cooking pot, must have been a work of supererogation. And it must have been worst of all for the baby gorilla. This was an unfortunate orphan which O'Hanlon insisted on adopting, when frustrated at the failure of the dinosaur to break surface. Most of the time, he tells us, the gorilla whimpered. Sometimes it groaned. That must have been when O'Hanlon was making a joke.

*Thomas Pakenham's* Meetings with Remarkable Trees *is published this month by Weidenfeld & Nicolson.*

# The profane put in place of the sacred

**Roger Scruton**

PERFORMING RITES
**By Simon Frith**
*OUP, £18.99*
*ISBN 0 19 816332 0*

Music was the foundation of the Greek curriculum — the subject that addressed both mind and body, and which schooled the youth in virtue and vice. Taste in music, Plato argued, affects the very roots of social order, and it is imperative not merely to understand what young people enjoy, but also to control it.

Modern societies have followed Plato's advice only in circumstances of extreme oppression, such as prevailed under Stalin, Mao or Khomeini. But Western universities have been wary of the spontaneous products of popular culture, and confined the academic study of music to the classical tradition, in which a silent audience listens to extended musical structures in an attitude of reverence.

The assumption has been that we teach classical music because it requires disciplined study. Expertise in pop, on the other hand, can be acquired by osmosis. Moreover, the classical tradition is composed of works which are more meaningful, more sublime, than the products of popular culture, and while it does not matter very much if a musical person goes to the grave without hearing AC/DC or Nirvana, it would be a tragedy if he ended his life without knowing Mozart.

The assumptions behind this academic approach are now being called in question. Foremost among the questioners is Simon Frith, who is not only a lover of pop, but also a crusader on its behalf. Frith wishes to persuade his readership that there is as real a distinction between good and bad pop, as between good and bad anything else, and that the music of the Pet Shop Boys repays study in the same way as the music of Mozart.

Frith's background is in "cultural studies", a discipline founded by the followers of Raymond Williams, and constructed around a Marxist agenda. As a branch of sociology, cultural studies looks on each cultural "commodity" in terms of its ideological import, and is reluctant to distinguish the good from the bad lest it be accused of endorsing the elitist aspirations of a ruling class. Indeed, Pierre Bourdieu, in his influential book *Distinction*, has argued that the very idea of aesthetic value is an offshoot of bourgeois society, and has no more objectivity than the transient historical condition that it serves to fortify.

Frith, having touched on Bourdieu's argument, veers away from it, commendably aware that, without the idea of aesthetic value, we could never justify the pop scene to its critics. Nevertheless, he constantly postpones the aesthetic question — the question which troubled Plato, and which caused him to ban the contemporary equivalent of heavy metal from his ideal republic. Instead he litters his text with quotations, creating the impression that pop music should be taken seriously since all kinds of second-rate academics have written about it in a pedantic way.

In his previous work, *Sound Effects*, Frith had illuminating things to say about the sociology of pop, and in particular about the Fan. From my own fogeyish perspective, the pop fan is someone in the grip of idolatry, who has focused his undisciplined religious urges on a mere human being, and endowed his idol with sacred attributes that have little to do with musical expertise. For Frith the Fan is a distinct sociological type, who has discovered, in the wastes of modern society, a new form of membership, through which to recuperate the experience of belonging in conditions of impassable solitude. I think we are both right. And I find much food for thought in Frith's observations.

The trouble with *Performing Rites* is that it never advances beyond a statement of the problem. Just *how* are we to distinguish good pop from bad? Any answer would involve philosophical principles, detailed criticism and musical analysis. All three are absent from Frith's discussion. It is surely not difficult to establish the superiority of Cole Porter over R.E.M.; one only has to look at the incompetent voice-leading in *Losing My Religion*, the misunderstanding of chord relations, and the inability to develop a melodic line in which the phrases lead into one another with a genuine musical need.

But, once you look at modern popular music in that way, you will come to see how gross, tasteless and sentimental it mostly is, and how far it is from our tradition of meditative polyphony. You will begin to see why it is that musicology still concentrates on the classical repertoire, and continues to ignore the daily diet of modern youth.

I suspect that Frith has an ideological aversion to criticism of that kind. After all, R.E.M. is the focus of an important cult, and many members of that cult are likely to turn up as Frith's students, eager to spend their time at university listening to the trash that they could equally have heard elsewhere. Like Frith, I believe that universities must teach the difference between good and bad taste. Unlike Frith, I doubt that a study of pop music could explain what the difference is.

ANTON CORBIJN

Michael Stipe (front) of R.E.M. sings of *Losing My Religion*, but the band itself has become a focus of cult-like devotion

# Elegant improvisations on the sensibility of a sense

**William Fiennes**

TOUCH
**By Gabriel Josipovici**
*Yale, £19.95*
*ISBN 0 300 06690 2*

Gabriel Josipovici is the new visiting professor of comparative literature at Oxford and anyone wondering what "comparative literature" actually entails might well turn to his new book for some idea. A spree of cross-reference, *Touch* discusses Sophocles's *Oedipus at Colonus* in the light of Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights* and compares the counterpoint of concentration and relaxation in Virgil and Milton with that demanded by the practice of Aikido. Josipovici moves with spry fleetness from Proust to Oliver Sacks, from cigarettes to Dante's story of Paolo and Francesca, from the still lives of Chardin to Hoad's demolition of Ashley Cooper in the 1957 Wimbledon final.

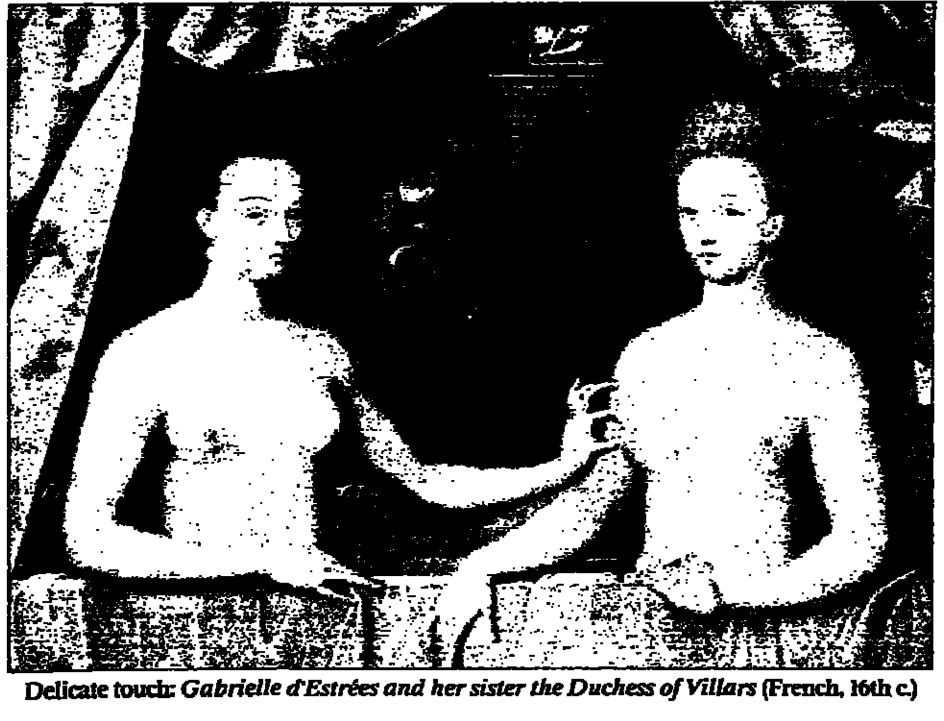
*Touch* is not a cultural history of touch. There is no mention of Midas, nor the slightest glance up to the Sistine Chapel's finger-to-finger. What underlies all the allusions is Josipovici's conviction that touch is our forgotten faculty. When seeing, he suggests, we are merely spectators, but touch makes us participators. Touch restores "our sense of natural reciprocity with the world": we look out in isolation: touching engages us with everything outside.

But Josipovici is not concerned with developing these apprehensions into an argument. What he gives us instead is a series of elegant improvisations inspired by his theme. His short chapters with their resonant titles ("The Girdle and the River", "The Therapy of Distance") are loose vignettes of interpretation, taking in such topics as the mirror in van Eyck's Arnolfini portrait, medieval pilgrimage and the intuitive sense of our own bodies known as "proprioception".

As criticism, *Touch* falls into the playful mode of Barthes and Kundera. Its highbrow informality likes the shorthand of "Proust's *À la recherche*" or "Rabelais' *Pantagruel*". Josipovici is gracious in his foregrounding of the work of others, whether it be Walter Benjamin's idea of the "aura" of the work of art, Peter Brown's research into the cult of saints, or the film theory of Stanley Cavell. This book is warmed by snapshots from Josipovici's own experience: his childhood in Egypt; his love of swimming; his insistence, on arriving in Los Angeles, that he be taken to the sea so that he could dip his hand into the Pacific. This seam of autobiography and the book's blithe temper help Josipovici to avoid the note of oracular hauteur to which George Steiner's comparable work is prone.

But *Touch* is at the same time a frustrating book. Its brief interpretations (such as its remarks on John Donne's *Hymn to God the Father*, a poem whose relevance to the theme is at best tangential) can be vague and superficial. Despite its engaging intelligence, you reach the end feeling that the ideas in *Touch* have not been grasped, just touched upon.

BRIDGEMAN


Delicate touch: *Gabrielle d'Estrées and her sister the Duchess of Villars* (French, 16th c.)

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# Friends revisited

**Diana Mosley**

THE LETTERS OF
NANCY MITFORD
AND
EVELYN WAUGH
**Edited by Charlotte Mosley**
*Hodder & Stoughton, £25*
*ISBN 0 340 63804 4*

MALICIOUS, witty, sometimes affectionate, mercilessly teasing each other, Nancy Mitford and Evelyn Waugh corresponded for 20 years until his death. Having both sides more than doubles the fun of these letters.

They began to write regularly when she went to live in France. In 1945 Nancy told everyone she had voted Labour, and Evelyn pretended to think she alone was responsible for the grey and dreary England of the late Forties. At the end of the war he had written *Brideshead Revisited*; it made a lot of money which was snatched away from him by the tax gatherer. Rations became smaller. It was all her fault, and then she deserted the country she had ruined.

The War itself had been a disillusion. He had wished to look upon it as a crusade, but it ended with half Europe ruled by godless communists, while France and Italy seethed with barely hidden civil war.

Nancy was on the crest of the wave. She was in love with a Frenchman, "the Colonel," and she too had written a best-seller, *The Pursuit of Love*, so that she was rich enough to follow him to Paris. Her marriage to Peter Rodd was on the rocks. She pretended to be living in a land flowing with cream and caviare, and shut her eyes to the shortages of Liberation. Evelyn rebuked her for saying "Heavenly 1948", the blackest year in world history since 1793, according to him. The Colonel was as slippery as an eel, but she shut her eyes to that too. It is all so long ago that shafts of bitter humour, once deleted for fear of libel, can now illumine the scene. The actors are all dead.

Both writers were wildly funny, and the result is an irresistible book. The victims of their unkind jokes are mostly well-known, so that the letters will delight and possibly horrify nearly everybody.

Nancy and Evelyn earned their living by writing; money is a constant theme and worry. Evelyn had a large family to educate; Nancy's only extravagance was Dior. She implored Evelyn to come to France, but when he did it was seldom a success. He quarrelled with Duff Cooper at Chantilly, and generally made himself objectionable, as only he knew how.

Nancy found this quite difficult to deal with, and their friendship was really based on the letters. They made each other scream with laughter, the shadows were light. All the same, they lengthened: Nancy's love affair did not prosper, and Evelyn began to feel his Church under threat.

THE ADVENT of Pope John XXIII was a sorrow to Evelyn. The reforms of the Vatican Council knocked him flat. He was only 62, and he dreaded the possibility of having to live with these reforms another 20 years. Strangely enough, his desperately sad last letters, in March 1966, were to me. I had asked him a question. He wrote: "There is nowhere I want to go, nothing I want to do." He died on Easter Day 1966.

The letters are impeccably edited by Charlotte Mosley, an expert on the period and its fauna; she has cleverly solved every puzzle.

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**Norman Lamont** assesses an account of our postwar Chancellors and finds its pessimism not entirely justified

# Very taxing next-door neighbours

It is surprising that there has never been a book before about Chancellors of the Exchequer. After all, there have been single volumes on the lives and careers of the Speakers, and the Lord Chancellors.

So it is a good idea. Or is it? What struck me is how sharply different the problems facing each Chancellor have been. Dalton's problems with the American Loan, or Butler's problems with ending wartime controls are light years away from today's issues. Edmund Dell purports to see running through all these postwar years a common thread of continuing economic decline accelerated by errors of policy. I wonder.

Dell invests far too much belief in something called "economic management" — a concept that often gives rise to inelegant and inappropriate comparisons between the responsibility for the nation's finances and driving a car. Sometimes it is called "steering the economy". But manipulating exchange or interest rates cannot in the long run make a country more productive or more hard-working. Competitiveness is the product of attitudes and cultures. There are policies that may increase competitiveness but they are to do with labour markets and competition policy. They are not dials on a screen in the Treasury. The author overestimates the power of single individuals to affect long-term trends.

Dell assesses the suitability for office and the record of each postwar Chancellor. Much of the book is about the relationship between occupants of No 10 and No 11. Few postwar Chancellors have enjoyed unambiguous support from the Prime Minister. And yet without that the job becomes markedly difficult.

This is a magisterial volume written by a man who might have been an outstanding Labour Chancellor. Dell spares no one. Stafford Cripps was not austere enough. Selwyn Lloyd was not up to the job. Even the bubble of Roy Jenkins is rightly pricked.

THE CHANCELLORS
**By Edmund Dell**
*HarperCollins, £25*
*ISBN 0 00 255558 1*

Jenkins was the beneficiary of the Callaghan devaluation. But he was slow to take the measures to make that devaluation work, and subsequently chose to blame his officials rather than himself. Far from being a prudent Chancellor he left a legacy of rising inflation although the next Conservative Government made things even worse. Edward Heath is rightly dismissed as a man "whose performance in office defies rational explanation".

The most interesting part of the book is that dealing with Healey's Chancellorship. The account of why the Labour Government decided not to join the ERM at its beginning should be read by everyone interested in today's debate on European monetary union. Here the author is writing of events in which he participated. He is a little too generous to his boss. The triumph of politics over prudence, rightly condemned in other Chancellors, is simply accepted as unavoidable in Healey's case.

The Budget of 1975 is hailed as the turning point in postwar economic history: the battle against inflation took precedence over unemployment. But did Healey have any choice once inflation had reached 25 per cent? It was hardly heroic to direct attention belatedly to a problem threatening to get out of control.

But Edmund Dell is not partisan. The Chancellor he most admires is Howe ("Not a traitor, merely one of the most honest men in politics driven to the end of his tether.") Dell is every bit as withering as Margaret Thatcher about the Conservative wets.

Dell's analysis of the Lawson years inevitably lacks inside knowledge but makes up for that in its sharpness. He underestimates Mrs Thatcher's understanding of economics. Dell is inclined to dismiss her views as "instincts". But even he has to concede that her "instincts" were often right.

Dell does not believe in monetarism and certainly not in "exchange rate monetarism". So Lawson is given rather too much of the lash. Dell catalogues his attempts to find an economic lodestar or rules of management that would lessen discretion in policy. This he describes as "dogmatism at its worst".

Dell rightly says "any Chancellor needs humility". But one should not confuse public presentation of policy with the inner man. In my experience Nigel Lawson was all too well aware of what might go wrong: the unexpected event and the fallibility of forecasts. It was because he was so well aware of the uncertainty of the future that he never stopped searching for impartial rules for policy. This was not dogmatism, rather the opposite.

Dell concedes that Lawson was the most technically qualified of all the Chancellors since 1945. In the end he is fair: "The probability must be that any Chancellor would have been caught out by the particular group of circumstances that confronted him from 1986 onwards."

This is a fine book. I have one reservation. It is rare for me to find someone more pessimistic than myself. But Dell is too pessimistic. He concludes that little has got better. I believe that in the end the 1980s will be seen as a period when there were real competitive improvements in the UK economy. However, it is still early days. The jury is still out. But what is clear is that the consensus on economic policy has changed dramatically. Mrs Thatcher has changed the Labour Party. There is a much wider acceptance in all political parties of the need to fight inflation. That is a real gain.

*The Rt Hon Norman Lamont, MP, was Chancellor of the Exchequer 1990-93.*

HANS TASIEMKA

Not the only Chancellor to come in for a hard ride: Sir Stafford Cripps in a *Daily Mirror* cartoon from the 1940s

# Island voices sing

EARL LOVELACE'S previous novels have as their central concern the difficulty of achieving "self pride" and "personhood" in the context of a community destablised by race, class and gender conflicts. *Salt* is no different. It presents a Trinidad fractured by competing ethnic groups: an island oppressed by white colonists and betrayed by its post-independence political leaders. Its two main characters, Alford George, schoolteacher turned politician, and Bango, a black peasant, struggle to escape the entrapments of history. Lovelace explores major post-colonial concerns; the debasement of the psyche because of slavery; the inheritance of ethnic strife (white versus black compounded by the arrival of brown and yellow Asian immigrants to Trinidad in the 19th century) which undermines the rhetoric of nationhood, the neglect of the black underclass by the black political elite.

## David Dabydeen

SALT
**By Earl Lovelace**
*Faber, £15.99*
*ISBN 0 571 17849 9*

So, *Salt* is destined for the machinery of academia, what with its seemingly accessible ideological content. It will grieve me, however, to see this amazingly vivid and joyous novel gutted and presented in slabs of dead scholarship. For what is breathtaking about *Salt* is Lovelace's pure delight in making changes and making languages. The novel teems with characters so improbable that they could only have come from real life. We are introduced to a cast of dozens over three centuries, all trying to tell his or her own story, and Lovelace has the generosity to allow each a space. He has the ability to craft them all into a deeply satisfying whole, for the novel is remarkable for its measured sprawl. Lovelace is an anthropologist, historian, fabulist and griot of his community. Or else a unique record of rum shop voices, for in the West Indies you only encounter such a variety of people, each wit, bizarre and heartrending stories, in an institution such as the rum shop.

AS TO Lovelace's language, he is in a world of his own. He starts a sentence, then allows it its own joyous life, so that the words tumble out, the clauses bleed into each other; the sentence recovers, recoils, then ends abruptly. Or else a sentence starts and meanders backwards to locate its beginning. It is a carnival of Creole sounds, and this is the deepest ideology of the novel, the display of the power of West Indian speech, the emancipation of the West Indian tongue from the shackles of the English sentence.

Finally, however much the characters fail to achieve self-fulfilment, they are ultimately redeemed by the power of narrative love. It is Lovelace's love for his characters which lights up the novel; the act of writing lovingly is the novelist's way of consoling his community. *Salt* achieves this movingly and brilliantly.

# Din of battle echoed in song

Kenneth Baker has great gifts in the art of anthology compiling. He is on a par with Palgrave and Quiller-Couch, who would have been proud to have contrived this collection. Mostly his chosen poets are English-speaking but there is a fine scattering of Spanish, Portuguese, Italians, French, Japanese, Chinese, Ancient Greeks and Romans. His scholarship and hard work on research are immense. It is amazing how he dug out Peter Woodhouse, noted only as the author of *The Flea*. Uncanny Woodhouse wrote in 1605: "I see a Soldier's service is forgot,/ In time of peace the world regards us not."

Did Kipling read it, or was it in his subconscious? "I went into a public-'ouse to get a pint o'beer,/ The publican 'e up an' sez, 'We serve no red-coats here . . ./ But it's 'Thin red line of 'eroes' when the drums begin to roll — "

That war is horrible for women is strikingly displayed by an anonymous Irish poet of the 10th or 11th century. A soldier who alone kept at bay hundreds of the enemy "in an angle of hard rock" had no food for 30 days, nor had the noble wife at his side. He tells her to leave and find "some fine fitting man" from among his enemies. Scornfully she refuses, choosing to stay with *her* man, come what may. That takes us straight to an old favourite, Macaulay's Horatius: "And when above the surges/ They saw his crest appear/ All Rome sent forth a rapturous cry,/ And even the ranks of Tuscany/ Could scarce forbear to cheer."

There is much, apart from the wide selection of patriotic glorification of war, on the apparent pointlessness of it. Robert Southey's *The Battle of Blenheim*: "'And everybody praised the Duke/ Who this great fight did win.'/ 'But what good came of it at last?'/ Quoth little Peterkin./ 'Why that I cannot tell,' said he/ 'But 'twas a famous victory.'"

The tragic waste of the unnecessary Great War is sung by poets like Siegfried Sassoon or Wilfred Owen, who wrote: "Some cheered him home, but not as crowds cheer Goal./ Only a solemn man who brought him fruits/ *Thanked* him; and then inquired about his soul."

I knew Alun Lewis. We once shared a girlfriend. Often I have dwelt on the sadness of the death at 29 in Burma of this talented poet of fine, unfulfilled promise. He gave the impression that he expected to die, unlike most of us buoyed up by youth's vigour into a sense of immortality. Alun's gloom is indicated in a quote from *The Jungle*: "Grey monkeys gibber, ignorant and wise./ We are the ghosts and they the denizens;/ We are like them anonymous, unknown,/ Avoiding what is human, near,/ Skirting the villages, the paddy fields . . ."

Second World War poets tended to be more robust. This time all felt it was a necessary war fought under first-class commanders. So were the wars of Athens, the first democracy, fighting against dictators though they needed monarchical Spartan help to defeat the Persians. This is translated from the Greek poet, Simonides: "The ground is holy; here the brave are resting,/ And here Greek honour keeps her chosen shrine./ Here too is one the worth of all attesting — / Leonides, of Sparta's royal line . . . "

Despite its occasional touches of irony, John Jarmain's *El Alamein* is in the same spirit: "Like Troy or Agincourt its single fame/ Will be the garland for our brow, our claim./ On us a fleck of glory to the end:/ And there our dead will keep their holy ground."

Baker's fascinating tour of war poetry has its humour, too. There is a section on "The Consolations of Obscenity". Reliable Anonymous provides: "She went to her mother, 'Oh mother,' she said,/ 'I'd rather be single. I'd rather be dead./ I don't mind a man who's got rather small balls/ But balls to a soldier with no balls at all./ No balls, no balls at all,/ But balls to a soldier with no balls at all.'"

The anthology is divided into nearly 70 sections, each depicting different aspects of war. There is an excellent introduction, with which I have only one mild disagreement. "Wars are caused by the failure of politicians . . . it has been estimated that in this century alone over 108 million people, military and civilians, have died as a result of war." Wars, like disease, are caused in part by nature as a means of dealing with overpopulation and by long-stored hatreds between different groups of human beings, as well as by the desire for conquest. Always on the ball, the editor has included up-to-date verses by Richard Heller, *The Minister has all his notes in place*: "While Serbian artillery take aim,/ Decide which new civilians they should maim,/ He fills the Chamber high with empty talk,/ And here's another child will never walk./ The opposition make synthetic rant;/ He answers with the Foreign Office cant./ Some random shrapnel takes a boy's right eye:/ The other one is all he needs to cry."

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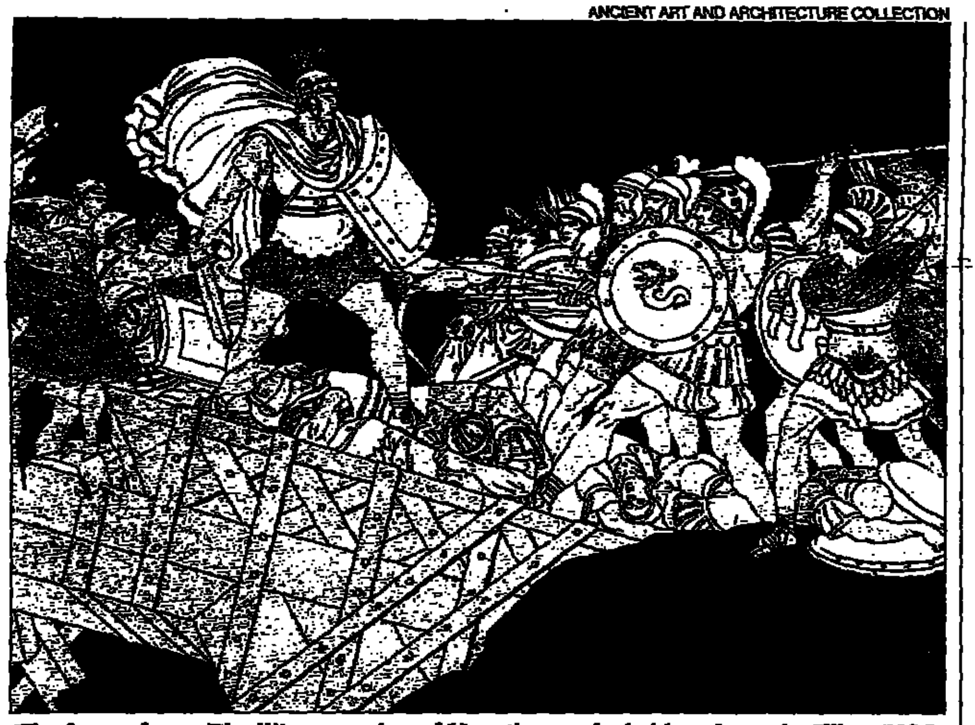

The faces of war: Pinelli's engraving of Horatius on the bridge above the Tiber (1886)

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Nothing is new on the subject of infidelity; nevertheless, Fay Weldon would not be herself if she did not provide one or two small surprises in her narrative. Alexandra Ludd (famous actress) is married to Ned Ludd (famous theatre critic) who dies of a heart attack, leaving his widow to discover not just one major infidelity but many minor screws. Nothing is as she thought it would be, not even the roof over her head. Although the outcome is not hard to guess, Fay Weldon's tale proceeds at a page-turning pace towards the final act of destruction.

In the novel she sets up polar opposites: "best-wishing" and "worst fears" — the one flinging open the windows of acceptance and forgiveness, the other kicking in doors of the darkest rooms. Maybe this works in criticism too. I best-wish Fay Weldon for many things in this, her 21st novel. There is the economy of the prose, the verve, and wit in the truest sense of the word, beyond jokes. The familiar short paragraphs are allowed occasionally to expand, so that one can take a breath rather than just puff. Fay Weldon has also the nerve to move swiftly from her habitual terse acidity to breathtaking observations: "That was why you grieved for the dead, because they could no longer be part of the exhilaration of renewal." Her admirers will not be disappointed, and will certainly find much more for which to best-wish this most prolific of novelists.

Fay Weldon: verve and wit

## Bel Mooney

WORST FEARS
**By Fay Weldon**
*Flamingo, £16.99*
*ISBN 0 00 223920 5*

Yet there are worst fears too. Fay Weldon satirises psychobabble, sexual obsession, lumpen countryfolk, thespian vanity, the pretensions of undertakers and lawyers, greed, "caring", stupid dogs who do not know the meaning of loyalty (no more than do children), well-meaning liberal teachers . . . nothing is sacred. No character escapes; even minor ones like Alexandra's mother and small son are unloveable, are even (in their tiny ways) monstrous. The odd and irritating mannerism of needlessly explaining pronouns (so: "Sam remarked that she, Alexandra, was a hard bitch", and "Over the table was her, Alexandra's, best lace tablecloth") oddly makes the reader as much a victim of satire as the character: a jeering poke in the ribs which asks, "Are you sure you get it? She, Alexandra, is a fool — and maybe you, dear reader, are too."

The worst fear is that the novelist has given up on kindness. One paragraph sums up Fay Weldon's brilliance and weakness. "Worst fears: That she, Alexandra, had been deceived by Ned in his life: that the grief she felt for him was wholly compromised, so it would never heal, never go away, because she had no idea what she was grieving for. And not knowing, and never being able to know, there was no 'her' at all . . . She was something elusive, a conjurer's effect, produced by the trickery of someone, for the entertainment of others."

This is great stuff. But the point is, Fay Weldon herself is the conjurer, reducing the (admittedly fallible) woman at the heart of the narrative to an automaton. Alexandra, and all the other stereotypical characters, do not exist in any universe other than that of the pantomime or puppet show. Yes, the entertainment is not in question. It would not matter, were not one to have a residual faith that Fay Weldon wishes, by her satire, to heal. That is how it was — in (say) *Praxis* or *The President's Child*. The trouble is, the other point of satire is to punish, without mercy. This view of life hates most people, or at least despises them. It enforces stereotypes, because some chinks of complexity might throw light into the darkest of rooms where the worst fears fester. It goes for slickness and stereotypes because the pain inherent in these fictional constructs cannot be borne.

I admired the novel when I thought Fay Weldon was struggling as to which had mastery: amusement or contempt. I like it when her fiction left room for optimism, and did not seem to play so easily to the reviewers' lazy clichés: "Wickedly funny" etc. There will be plenty of those. But hang on — maybe nothing wicked is funny. Maybe some laughs are too easy.

SATURDAY BOOKS

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**RACING:** BRITISH MAKE SEDATE START TO PREPARATIONS

# Quiet approach marks Breeders' Cup quest

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT
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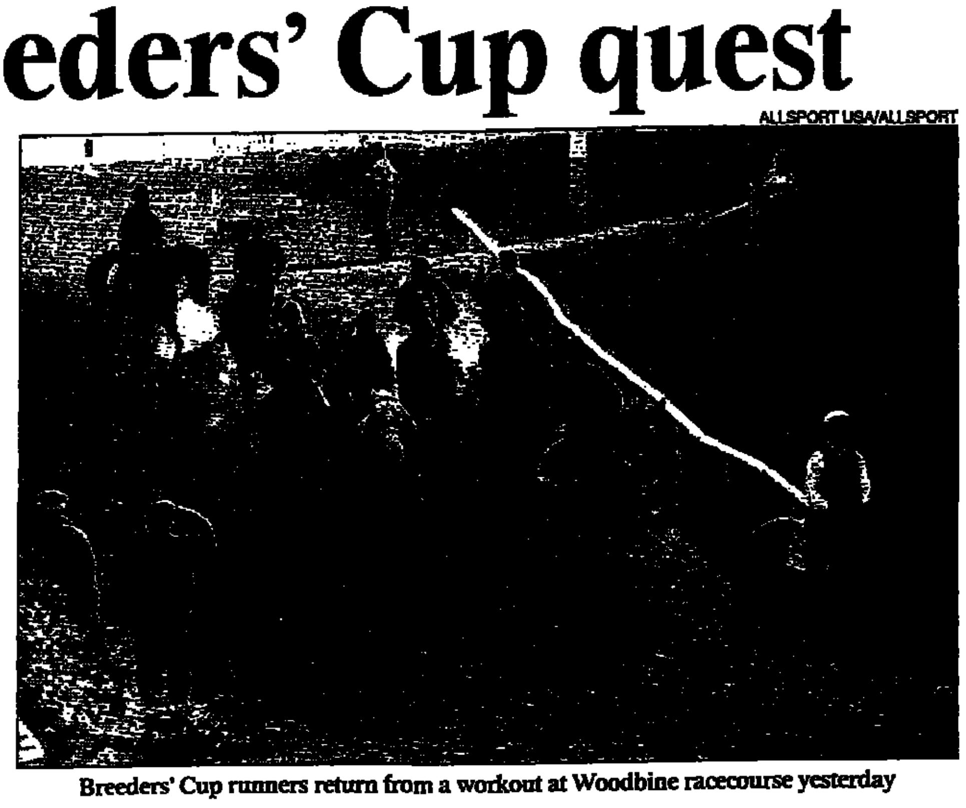

Breeders' Cup runners return from a workout at Woodbine racecourse yesterday

THE changing nature of Britain's approach to succeeding at the Breeders' Cup was much in evidence here yesterday when the nine-strong raiding party barely stretched their legs for the second consecutive morning.

As the locals frantically juggled schedules to avoid a dirt track saturated by rain, Britain's posse of work riders kept their mounts firmly in check. Godolphin's quartet — Wall Street (Turf), Tamayaz (Classic) and Mark Of Esteem and Charnwood Forest (Mile) — cantered gently for about six furlongs before retreating to the quarantine barn. They were out of their boxes for no more than 15 minutes; all four are scheduled to gallop over four furlongs today.

Singspiel and Pilsudski (Turf) both ambled round the turf course, while Dushyantor looked on good terms with himself when exercising in a similar vein. Shantou (Turf) was sprightly on the dirt track despite never leaving his pony's side for the second consecutive morning.

By far the most active was Iktamal, who completed two swinging canters, each of five furlongs, in preparation for the Sprint. The Ed Dunlop-trained colt is also scheduled to gallop this morning, when Willie Ryan, his big-race rider, is expected to be on board.

"We were a bit apprehensive about the journey because Iktamal can be a bit funny," said Terry Winnington, Dunlop's travelling head lad, "but he ate and drank well on the flight. He has been comfortable on the dirt, which he appreciated more than the all-weather surface at Lingfield."

This greatly reduced exercise pattern comes in stark contrast to the Churchill Downs experience two years ago. There was no cavalry-style entrance to the track. Nor was there evidence of the fast workouts that so compromised the likes of Lochsong. Doubtless the tempo will gather pace in the next 24 hours, but there is no denying Britain's team has bedded down comfortably.

The draw for stalls positions, which has prompted much head-scratching at previous Breeders' Cups, yesterday made no impact on Britain's winning prospects. Perhaps the most inconvenienced was Itkamal, who drew stall four in the Sprint. Given his come-from-behind style, Iktamal will have to cope with plenty of kickback if he is to emulate Sheikh Albadou's Sprint victory five years ago. And Tamayaz's remote prospects of upsetting Cigar in the Classic waned further when he was allocated stall 14, on the wide outside.

In the Mile, Mark Of Esteem should not be unduly compromised from stall 11; any draw bias will not be as pronounced as in previous years. Horses competing in the Mile have more than three furlongs to establish their positions before the long, sweeping turn for home. And in the $2 million Turf, the draw will almost certainly prove less influential than a prominent early position.

The 12-furlong turf course is more akin to those in Europe but its configuration is far from straightforward. The first 4½ furlongs embraces two turns, while the back straight, although four furlongs in length, is less well drained. Horses making ground here are likely to pay a price.

## NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.00 Walk The Beat. 2.30 King Curan. 3.00 Midnight Watch. 3.30 Kazimiera. 4.00 Sea Victor. 4.30 Dato Star. 5.00 Supreme Sound. 5.30 High On Life.

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### 2.00 KEGWORTH STAKES (£2,381: 5f 13yd) (17)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (11) | 4655 | ROBELLION 27 (D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 5-9-6 | T Sprake | 96 |
| 2 | (12) | 0513 | WALK THE BEAT 5 (D,F,G,S) M Meade 6-9-6 | D Sweeney (7) | 93 |
| 3 | (5) | 0415 | ALJAZ 69 (D,BF,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-3 | K Fallon | 85 |
| 4 | (6) | 0211 | ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 7 (B) E Wheeler 4-9-3 | S Whitworth | [illegible] |
| 5 | (2) | 5002 | STANDOWN 17 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-3 | J Fortune | 79 |
| 6 | (3) | 3050 | SUPERBIT 7 (D,G) B McMahon 4-9-3 | S Sanders | 84 |
| 7 | (9) | 00' | CARNIVAL OF LIGHT 679 (D) J Moore 4-9-0 | D McKeown | – |
| 8 | (14) | 0000 | FIRST OPTION 52 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 6-9-0 | H Bastiman (5) | 66 |
| 9 | (7) | 2400 | GOOD TO TALK 36 T Easterby 3-9-0 | J Fanning | 74 |
| 10 | (13) | -000 | MISTER SEAN 47 (B) J Payne 3-9-0 | R Hughes | 83 |
| 11 | (1) | .00- | GRECIAN GARDEN 532 (F) Mrs L Stubbs 5-8-11 | A Clark | – |
| 12 | (17) | 0006 | LLOC 15 (D,S) C Dwyer 4-8-11 | Jo Hunnam (7) | 87 |
| 13 | (4) | 0062 | MARASCHINO 30 B Meehan 3-8-11 | – | 86 |
| 14 | (16) | 0000 | POLLI PUI 54 W Brisbourne 4-8-11 | Martin Dwyer (5) | 70 |
| 15 | (8) | 0544 | PREMIUM GIFT 37 (D,G) C Booth 4-8-11 | M Birch | 96 |
| 16 | (15) | 0300 | SMITHEREENS 5 P Walwyn 3-8-11 | J Carroll | 94 |
| 17 | (10) | 6000 | SUPREME DESIRE 52 (D,F) Miss J Craze 6-8-11 | C Bates (7) | – |

6-1 Another Batchworth, 7-1 Robellion, 8-1 Walk The Beat, Aljaz, 10-1 others.

### 2.30 RAINWORTH CLAIMING STAKES (£2,381: 1m 54yd) (18)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (7) | 2640 | CHARLIE CHANG 7 (D,G) R Hannon 3-9-4 | R Hughes | 85 |
| 2 | (16) | 1013 | POWER GAME 16 (B,D,F,G) J Berry 3-9-4 | J Fortune | 82 |
| 3 | (9) | 0430 | KING CURAN 12 (B,D,F,G,S) D Haydn Jones 5-9-1 | L Charnock | 92 |
| 4 | (5) | 0000 | MYSTIC LEGEND 7 J J Sheehan 4-9-1 | G Duffield | – |
| 5 | (18) | 2610 | NORTHERN JUDGE 19 (G) B Hanbury 3-9-0 | M Rimmer | 86 |
| 6 | (6) | 0660 | DARING RYDE 92 (D,G) J Smyth 5-8-13 | J Carroll | 71 |
| 7 | (10) | 0000 | FIRST GOLD 9 (B,C,F,G,S) J Wharton 7-8-13 | K Fallon | 70 |
| 8 | (13) | 0006 | BOLD HABIT 27 (V,D,F,G) J Pearce 11-8-11 | M Wigham | 74 |
| 9 | (4) | 0-00 | COMEONUP 15 (D,G,S) J Bradley 5-8-11 | T Williams | 66 |
| 10 | (11) | 4000 | KHATTAT 37 (D,G,S) J A Harris 6-8-11 | Dean McKeown | – |
| 11 | (15) | 2006 | NORTHERN CELADON 22 (D,G,S) M H-Ellis 5-8-11 | A Clark | 83 |
| 12 | (2) | 5040 | PAINT IT BLACK 50 (BF,G) R Hannon 3-8-10 | S Sanders | [illegible] |
| 13 | (14) | 6061 | RICHARD HOUSE LAD 45 R Hollinshead 3-8-10 | D Harrison | 72 |
| 14 | (17) | 3650 | HOLLOWAY MELODY 10 B McMahon 3-8-9 | G Carter | 89 |
| 15 | (6) | 3000 | ABSOLUTE RULER 60 (B) J L Harris 5-8-7 | T Sprake | 70 |
| 16 | (1) | 5-33 | BOLD ANGEL 143 (C,F,G,S) K Morgan 9-8-7 | R Ffrench (7) | 89 |
| 17 | (3) | 4000 | LA FILLE DE CIRQUE 10 (B,D,G) R Williams 4-8-6 | R Hills | 75 |
| 18 | (13) | 2060 | SHANGHAI LIL 42 (G) M F-Godley 4-8-2 | Martin Dwyer (5) | 76 |

4-1 Charlie Chang, 5-1 King Curan, 6-1 Power Game, 7-1 Bold Angel, 8-1 others.

### 3.00 TOTE EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,280: 1m 54yd) (15)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (10) | | BASMAN B Smart 9-0 | S Sanders | – |
| 2 | (4) | 60 | INCLUDE ME OUT 23 J Fanshawe 9-0 | D Harrison | 84 |
| 3 | (2) | 0 | KEEN DANCER 9 M Bell 9-0 | G Faulkner (5) | – |
| 4 | (8) | | LAHAB NASHWAN M Channon 9-0 | R Hughes | – |
| 5 | (15) | 02 | LAWN LOTHARIO 33 M Johnston 9-0 | T Williams | 96 |
| 6 | (3) | | LITTLE ACORN S Williams 9-0 | D McCabe | – |
| 7 | (5) | | MIDNIGHT WATCH H Cecil 9-0 | K Fallon | – |
| 8 | (14) | 53 | MUTABARI 18 (BF) D Morley 9-0 | R Hills | 98 |
| 9 | (6) | 020 | NOMINATOR LAD 7 B McMahon 9-0 | G Carter | [illegible] |
| 10 | (9) | 2 | NORDIC CREST 22 P Harris 9-0 | A Clark | 90 |
| 11 | (11) | 3 | OVER TO YOU 38 E Dunlop 9-0 | T Sprake | 90 |
| 12 | (13) | | PAGEL R Hollinshead 9-0 | J Fortune | – |
| 13 | (1) | 00 | SECRET BALLOT 6 R Hannon 9-0 | – | 77 |
| 14 | (12) | 6 | THE ROUNDSILLS 9 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 | G Duffield | 80 |
| 15 | (7) | | CRINOLETTE J Gosden 8-9 | J Carroll | – |

9-4 Midnight Watch, 9-2 Crinolette, 6-1 Nordic Crest, 7-1 others.

### 3.30 NOTTINGHAM AMBASSADORS HANDICAP (£4,068: 1m 54yd) (18)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (5) | 1260 | BALANCE OF POWER 12 (D,F) R Akehurst 4-10-0 | S Sanders | 94 |
| 2 | (2) | 5655 | APOLLONO 15 (D,F) J Fanshawe 4-9-13 | D Harrison | 93 |
| 3 | (1) | 4564 | RON'S SECRET 18 (D,F,S) J Payne 4-9-11 | R Hughes | 96 |
| 4 | (6) | 2320 | FLYING PENNANT 5 (F) R Hannon 3-9-11 | G Carter | 92 |
| 5 | (18) | 4F10 | NOSEY NATIVE 9 (D,F,S) J Pearce 3-9-9 | M Wigham | 97 |
| 6 | (12) | 1335 | PERILOUS PLIGHT 44 (D,F,G) Mrs L Stubbs 5-9-8 | K Fallon | 91 |
| 7 | (4) | -066 | SPRING CAMPAIGN 50J (BF) M Pipe 3-9-8 | – | 92 |
| 8 | (7) | 5050 | MYFONTAINE 36 (D,F,G,S) K Ivory 9-9-7 | J Carroll | 98 |
| 9 | (9) | 5-55 | BROTHER ROY 17 T Mills 3-9-7 | J Fortune | 90 |
| 10 | (17) | 3050 | KINGCHIP BOY 40 (V,D,F,G) M Ryan 7-9-7 | A Clark | 88 |
| 11 | (14) | 0504 | TAEL OF SILVER 19 (C,F,G) A Bailey 4-9-6 | D Wright (3) | 95 |
| 12 | (16) | 0400 | PAOJIUNIC 20 L Cumani 3-9-6 | O Urbina | 98 |
| 13 | (15) | 1300 | DISTINCT BEAUTY 16 W O'Gorman 3-9-5 | Emma O'Gorman | 94 |
| 14 | (8) | 0060 | BABA AU RHUM 13 I Williams 4-9-5 | R Ffrench (7) | 88 |
| 15 | (3) | -100 | ICENI 117 (F) H Candy 3-9-5 | G Duffield | 89 |
| 16 | (13) | 6116 | POLLY PECULIAR 27 (D,F,G) B Smart 5-9-4 | T Sprake | 96 |
| 17 | (11) | 4503 | KAZIMIERA 10 W Essey 3-9-3 | Martin Dwyer (5) | 97 |
| 18 | (10) | 1000 | EURO SCEPTIC 15 (D,F,G) T Easterby 4-9-2 | G Parkin (5) | [illegible] |

4-1 Ron's Secret, 6-1 Apollono, 7-1 Balance Of Power, 8-1 others

### 4.00 WOODBOROUGH HANDICAP (£4,305: 2m 9yd) (15)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (5) | 0045 | SEA VICTOR 5 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 4-10-0 | K Fallon | [illegible] |
| 2 | (12) | 1036 | THE SWAN 29 (D,BF,F,S) J Dunlop 3-9-9 | T Sprake | 89 |
| 3 | (4) | 0340 | PARADISE NAVY 5 (B,D,F,G) C Egerton 7-9-6 | R Hughes | 90 |
| 4 | (6) | 0040 | MR BROWNING 13 (F) R Akehurst 5-9-4 | S Sanders | 94 |
| 5 | (10) | 2324 | DIEGO 10 (G) C Brittain 3-8-13 | – | 90 |
| 6 | (11) | 2130 | IZZA 13 (D,F,S) W Storey 5-8-10 | N Kennedy | 91 |
| 7 | (9) | 0455 | ANGLESEY SEA VIEW 55 (D,G) A Bailey 7-8-9 | D Wright (3) | 92 |
| 8 | (3) | 6450 | CLASSIC AFFAIR 38 (CD,F) R Harris 3-8-7 | A Clark | 89 |
| 9 | (8) | 3300 | COLERIDGE 16 (B,D,F,G) J Sheehan 8-8-3 | Martin Dwyer (5) | 87 |
| 10 | (15) | 5106 | MR SPECULATOR 76 (V,F) J Banks 3-8-3 | G Duffield | 87 |
| 11 | (2) | 5101 | BACKWOODS 6 (D,G) W Brisbourne 3-8-2 (4ex) | A Garth | 89 |
| 12 | (14) | 0403 | JELALI 24 D Murray Smith 3-8-1 | R Ffrench (7) | 91 |
| 13 | (13) | 0601 | HIGHFIELD FIZZ 16 (F,G) C Fairhurst 4-7-12 | L Charnock | 90 |
| 14 | (7) | 1331 | BROUGHTONS FORMULA 7 (B) W Musson 6-7-12 | D McCabe | 92 |
| 15 | (1) | 06-0 | TOMMY COOPER 60 Mrs B Waring 5-7-10 | F Norton | 85 |

4-1 Broughtons Formula, 5-1 Diego, 6-1 The Swan, Mr Browning, 8-1 others

### 4.30 ST ANNS MAIDEN STAKES (£4,175: 1m 6f 15yd) (18)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (8) | 202- | DATO STAR 244J J Jefferson 5-9-7 | K Fallon | [illegible] |
| 2 | (5) | 0/0 | LADY SWIFT 47 K Hogg 5-9-2 | D Sweeney (7) | – |
| 3 | (16) | 0 | LOST DREAM 5 C Dwyer 7-9-2 | C Dwyer | – |
| 4 | (3) | 0000 | YOUNG ROSE 69 Pat Mitchell 4-9-2 | T Sprake | – |
| 5 | (18) | 2004 | BECHSTEIN 18 (B) J Dunlop 3-8-12 | G Carter | 94 |
| 6 | (6) | 000 | CLASSIC WARRIOR 44 R Harris 3-8-12 | R Price | – |
| 7 | (17) | 00- | COME ON IN 381 R Dickin 3-8-12 | P Mundy (7) | – |
| 8 | (7) | 0 | KRASNIK 40J Mrs D Haine 3-8-12 | R Hughes | – |
| 9 | (12) | 605 | MAGIC ROLE 15 M Jarvis 3-8-12 | P Bloomfield | – |
| 10 | (2) | 44 | MR WILD 15 B Hanbury 3-8-12 | M Rimmer | 85 |
| 11 | (1) | 626 | MUTANASSIB 24 A Stewart 3-8-12 | R Hills | 84 |
| 12 | (3) | 0- | SIBERIAN HENRY 388 B Smart 3-8-12 | S Sanders | – |
| 13 | (4) | 3055 | ANNECY 15 H Cecil 3-8-7 | – | 90 |
| 14 | (10) | 3 | BENNING 15 J Gosden 3-8-7 | G Duffield | 86 |
| 15 | (11) | 65 | DIAMOND DANCE 27 (BF) J Gosden 3-8-7 | J Carroll | 82 |
| 16 | (15) | 00 | FILLY MIGNONNE 106 B Hills 3-8-7 | J D Smith (3) | – |
| 17 | (13) | 22 | SEA OF STONE 101 L Cumani 3-8-7 | O Urbina | 83 |
| 18 | (14) | 2422 | TOTEM DANCER 7 (BF) J Eyre 3-8-7 | R Ffrench (7) | 92 |

3-1 Dato Star, 7-2 Bechstein, 6-1 Benning, 7-1 Sea Of Stone, 8-1 others.

### 5.00 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,364: 1m 1f 213yd) (10)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (9) | 0 | FRUITIE O'FLARETY 41 C Brittain 9-0 | M Birch | 83 |
| 2 | (8) | 2404 | GROVEFAIR LAD 10 (BF) B Meehan 9-0 | S Sanders | 78 |
| 3 | (2) | 34 | HERE'S TO HOWIE 35 R Hannon 9-0 | G Carter | 96 |
| 4 | (4) | 00 | LE GRAND GOUSIER 56 R Williams 9-0 | L Newton (5) | – |
| 5 | (6) | | RYLES DANCER J Scargill 9-0 | J Fanning | – |
| 6 | (5) | 0 | SUCH PRESENCE 16 K Bridgwater 9-0 | V Slattery | – |
| 7 | (3) | 02 | SUPREME SOUND 48 P Harris 9-0 | A Clark | 93 |
| 8 | (10) | 000 | TARTAN PARTY 16 P Cole 9-0 | K Fallon | 80 |
| 9 | (1) | 26 | TOMMY TORTOISE 17 P Cole 9-0 | R Hills | [illegible] |
| 10 | (7) | 3000 | FOOLISH FLUTTER 30 (V) G Oldroyd 8-9 | G Parkin (5) | 63 |

6-4 Here's To Howie, 3-1 Supreme Sound, 5-1 Tommy Tortoise, 10-1 others.

### 5.30 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,364: 1m 1f 213yd) (9)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (5) | | ABAJANY M Channon 9-0 | R Hughes | – |
| 2 | (2) | 3660 | DIVE MASTER 44 (B) C Murray 9-0 | J Fortune | 81 |
| 3 | (6) | 0 | HIGH ON LIFE 9 A Stewart 9-0 | – | 75 |
| 4 | (1) | 6530 | INDIFFERENT GUY 14 C Brittain 9-0 | D RMcCabe | [illegible] |
| 5 | (8) | 0 | RAMADOUR 35 J Fanshawe 9-0 | D Harrison | – |
| 6 | (4) | 63 | SWIFTWAY 25 K Hogg 9-0 | D Sweeney (7) | 77 |
| 7 | (9) | 06 | TROOPER 15 P Cole 9-0 | T Sprake | 92 |
| 8 | (3) | 0 | WALK ON BY 22 R Hannon 9-0 | J Carroll | – |
| 9 | (7) | 5000 | HOPPERETTA 10 B Palling 8-9 | G Duffield | 77 |

2-1 Trooper, 3-1 Swiftway, 4-1 Indifferent Guy, 7-1 High On Life, 8-1 others.

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### 2.20 HALFORD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,388: 2m) (11 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 5515 | PEGASUS BAY 13 (D,F) D Cantillon 5-11-5 | J Osborne | |
| 2 | 0-31 | ATH CHEANNAITHE 7 (F) J Neville 4-11-4 | D Bridgwater | |
| 3 | 5351 | LAST LAUGH 8 (B,F) K Bailey 4-10-13 | A P McCoy | |
| 4 | 340- | DRAKESTONE 182 R Brown 5-10-12 | R Johnson | |
| 5 | 4 | KING RAT 12 J O Shea 5-10-12 | Michael Brennan (5) | |
| 6 | 2 | SUPERENSIS 14 John Berry 6-10-12 | I Lawrence | |
| 7 | | TODD 33F P Mitchell 5-10-12 | G Bradley | |
| 8 | | BARGASH 19F P Evans 4-10-11 | Gary Lyons | |
| 9 | 0-0 | BARTON BLADE 13 Miss H Knight 4-10-11 | J F Titley | |
| 10 | 4-06 | SPUMANTE 8 (B) M Muggeridge 4-10-11 | B Powell | |
| 11 | 0 | YOUNG BENSON 12 T Wall 4-10-11 | R Massey (3) | |

6-4 Ath Cheannaithe, 5-1 Last Laugh, 7-1 Pegasus Bay, Superensis, 8-1 others.

### 2.50 CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,668: 2m) (10)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1232 | SAFETY 21 (B,D,F,G) J White 9-12-0 | A Maguire |
| 2 | 2244 | FENWICK 10 (C,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-11-11 | T Dascombe (3) |
| 3 | 03-0 | CHAIN SHOT 18 (B,CD,F,G) J Peacock 11-11-3 | R Bellamy |
| 4 | -021 | SPRING LOADED 12 (D,F) J O'Shea 5-11-3 | Michael Brennan (5) |
| 5 | 0-48 | CARDENDEN 55 (D,G) J Barclay 8-10-13 | A Thornton |
| 6 | 50-P | MASTER SALESMAN 138 (D,F) Mrs V Ward 13-10-13 | J Kavanagh |
| 7 | 5-06 | HUGH DANIELS 93 (G) B Preece 8-10-12 | G Hogan (3) |
| 8 | 43/P | RED MATCH 12 (D,F) R Hodges 11-10-8 | B Powell |
| 9 | 54-P | SALCOMBE HARBOUR 127 (G,S) P Pritchard 12-10-3 | P Pritchard |
| 10 | P533 | GABISH 14 (D,F,G) B Scriven 11-10-0 | Mr R Thornton (7) |

7-4 Safety, 2-1 Spring Loaded, 5-1 Fenwick, 10-1 Chain Shot, 12-1 others.

### 3.20 FARMERS STORES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,684: 2m) (5)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | -623 | YUBRALEE 19 (D,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-10 | A P McCoy |
| 2 | 333- | CYRUS THE GREAT 150 (CD,F) K Bailey 4-11-4 | G Bradley |
| 3 | 31F/ | CABIN HILL 743 (D,F,S) Mrs A Price 10-11-0 | Mr M Jackson |
| 4 | 200- | PETITJEAN 173 (D,S) P Wegmann 5-10-12 | T Eley |
| 5 | 4P61 | STAY WITH ME 12 (D,F) C Egerton 6-10-9 | J Osborne |

6-4 Stay With Me, 2-1 Cyrus The Great, 5-2 Yubralee, 14-1 Petitjean, Cabin Hill

### 3.50 LUDLOW MOTORS NOVICES CHASE (£3,035: 2m 4f) (6)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | -112 | IMPERIAL VINTAGE 12 (F) Miss V Williams 5-11-12 | A P McCoy |
| 2 | 0U42 | DANCING AT LAHARN 95 Miss S Wilton 6-10-12 | T Eley |
| 3 | 6-32 | LITTLE BY LITTLE 14 (F) B Preece 6-10-12 | A Thornton |
| 4 | P4F- | NATIVE RAMBLER 192 Mrs A Price 6-10-12 | Mr M Jackson |
| 5 | 0 | TERRANO STAR 40 D Burchell 5-10-10 | Guy Lewis (3) |
| 6 | S/PP | PRIORY ROSE 10 (F) G Ham 9-10-7 | S Burrough |

4-7 Imperial Vintage, 9-2 Dancing At Laharn, 6-1 Little By Little, 14-1 others.

### 4.20 HAZLIN DOORS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,276: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 058- | CURRAGH PETER 442 Mrs P Bickerton 9-11-10 | Guy Lewis (3) |
| 2 | 033 | SALTIS 15 A Forbes 4-11-4 | T Eley |
| 3 | 0-05 | KAREN'S TYPHOON 19 (B) P Hobbs 5-11-3 | A P McCoy |
| 4 | 03-4 | ONE MORE DIME 126 J Needham 6-11-1 | Mr R Thornton (7) |
| 5 | 3363 | CROWN IVORY 8 P Ritchens 8-10-9 | S Fox |
| 6 | 5342 | MYLORDMAYOR 7 (B,S) P Bowen 9-10-0 | R Farrant |

7-4 Karen's Typhoon, 7-2 Mylordmayor, 4-1 Saltis, Crown Ivory, 5-1 others.

### 4.50 COURT OF HILL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,886: 2m 4f) (5)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 31-6 | OSCAIL AN DORAS 131 (F,G,S) F Murphy 7-12-7 | K Whelan (3) |
| 2 | 1P4- | COOLREE 174 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-12-4 | J Tizzard (7) |
| 3 | -264 | HOUGHTON 12 (D,F,G,S) W Jenks 10-12-4 | R Burton (7) |
| 4 | 6PP- | MR PRIMETIME 147 (F) C Brooks 6-11-3 | E James (7) |
| 5 | 0303 | THEY ALL FORGOT ME 14 (CD,F,G) A Carroll 9-10-7 | Miss C Dyson (7) |

6-4 Coolree, 5-2 Oscail An Doras, 3-1 Houghton, 5-1 others.

### 5.20 CLUN INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,317: 2m) (15)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 23-1 | SCOUNDREL 13 (F) K Bailey 5-11-11 | Mr R Wakley (7) |
| 2 | 00- | DEFERENCE DUE 157 R Price 5-11-4 | Mr M Jackson |
| 3 | PRP- | DERRING KNIGHT 158P (V) N Pomfret 6-11-4 | Mr A Sansome |
| 4 | 653- | GUNNER SID 209 B Preece 5-11-4 | Miss L Boswell (7) |
| 5 | 00- | MR C-I-P 239 K Bridgwater 5-11-4 | Michael Brennan (5) |
| 6 | 0- | SYBAN 162 B Preece 5-11-4 | G Hogan (3) |
| 7 | | TAFZAL P Wegmann 5-11-4 | S Fowler (7) |
| 8 | | TEETON TWO (B) R Buckler 5-11-4 | Mr B Dixon (7) |
| 9 | | BARNETTS BOY J Bradley 4-11-3 | D Walsh (3) |
| 10 | 4- | GERGAASH 180 G Thorner 4-11-3 | Clare Thorner (7) |
| 11 | 50- | MILLING BROOK 180 J Bradley 4-11-3 | J Power (7) |
| 12 | 0- | STRIKE A LIGHT 167 Miss H Knight 4-11-3 | Mr A Wintle (7) |
| 13 | 0 | WEATHER WISE 7 W G M Turner 4-11-3 | N Willmington (7) |
| 14 | 06 | LEOPARD LADY 7 N Hawke 4-10-12 | Mr R Thornton (7) |
| 15 | 0 | LITTLE EMBERS 7 J Bradley 4-10-12 | R Massey (3) |

6-4 Scoundrel, 9-4 Strike A Light, 8-1 Gergaash, 12-1 Gunner Sid, 14-1 others.

## Ginger Fox can brush aside rivals

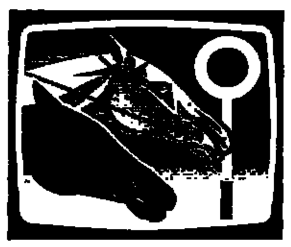
NEWBURY

BBC2

**2.40:** Disappointing types and hurdlers having a pipe-opener predominate and **Ginger Fox**, the one horse open to improvement, can follow up his win at Chester. He is from a stout female line and will be suited by these testing conditions. Shining Dancer, who should confirm Ascot form with Pearl Venture and Upper Gallery, is more reliable than Bowcliffe Court and the recalcitrant Sea Freedom.

BBC1

**3.10:** Desert Story, twice runner-up to Benny The Dip, sets the standard for some promising youngsters. A son of the disqualified 1989 Oaks winner, Aliysa, he is likely to be less effective than over the stiff mile of the Royal Lodge. Showboat, Hidden Meadow and Royal Amaretto impressed in recent maidens. Showboat, a half-brother to the smart stayer Dry Dock, was the most taking at Leicester. But the value lies with **Andreyev**, *who revels in the mud and is* progressing. An easy defeat of the useful pair Dacoit and Shii-Take in a conditions race at Ascot amounts to solid form. Starborough should improve for the trip.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

**3.40:** Soft ground should sort out a few of these. The draw — a pitch near the stands' rail is a big advantage here — looks to have put paid to the chances of Madly Sharp and Russian Music, while the handicapper seems to have got Musical Season and Bajan Rose. Samwar finished behind Musical Season at Ascot but had no luck in running and his previous second to Bolshoi there gives him a great chance. His action suggests he should relish racing on soft ground for the first time.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY

## NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.10 Tatika
2.40 **GINGER FOX** (nap)
3.10 Andreyev
3.40 Samwar
4.10 Sea Wedding
4.40 Soviet State
5.10 Game Ploy
5.35 Highland Gift

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
**5.35 HIGHLAND GIFT.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Ginger Fox. 3.10 **DESERT STORY** (nap). 4.10 Sea Wedding.

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 6F-7F STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

### 2.10 VODAFONE BRITISH AND NORTHERN RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,458: 7f str) (27 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | (1) | 210000 | ANASTINA 26 (D,G,S) (R Craddock) N Graham 4-10-0 | F Lynch | 90 |
| 102 | (6) | 300040 | BARREL OF HOPE 12 (CD,F,G,S) (P Watson) J Eyre 4-9-10 | R Winks (7) | 92 |
| 103 | (17) | 200 | DOUBLE MARCH 108 (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) P Webber 3-9-9 | C Teague | 90 |
| 104 | (4) | 004000 | KNOBBLEENEEZE 5 (V,CD,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 6-9-9 | A Eddery | 96 |
| 105 | (26) | 050010 | TATIKA 50 (F,G) (G Wragg) G Wragg 6-9-9 | G Milligan | 90 |
| 106 | (20) | 040305 | PROUD MONK 36 (V,CD,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 3-9-6 | C Webb | 94 |
| 107 | (23) | 310004 | GREEN BOPPER 22 (V,G) (T Harris) M Bell 3-9-6 | R Mullen | 90 |
| 108 | (2) | 0013-00 | BEN GUNN 12 (D,F,S) (M White) P Walwyn 4-9-5 | R Cody-Boutcher (4) | 91 |
| 109 | (18) | 5-234 | MINOLETTI 16 (Mrs J Dunlop) E Dunlop 3-9-5 | P Doe | 90 |
| 110 | (27) | 016020 | PRESS ON NICKY 28 (D,F) (S/M/P Syndicate) W Muir 3-9-5 | J Wilkinson | 92 |
| 111 | (8) | 01-0 | HURTLEBERRY 120 (F) (Mrs I Pilkington) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-3 | C Cogan (4) | 91 |
| 112 | (25) | 0202 | REGAL SPLENDOUR 10 (F Salman) P Cole 3-9-3 | A McCarthy (4) | 96 |
| 113 | (24) | 510223 | AMBER FORT 5 (V,D,G) (Caledonian Racing) D Elsworth 3-9-2 | D Griffiths | 98 |
| 114 | (7) | 454254 | SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 84 (D,F,G,S) (A Collins) J Watts 8-9-0 | P Fessey | 93 |
| 115 | (11) | 505401 | SEA DANZIG 20 (D,G) (P Cook) J Bridger 3-8-12 | S Copp | [illegible] |
| 116 | (21) | 005030 | SOVEREIGNS COURT 12 (Whiteways Racing) D Chappell 3-8-11 | R Havlin | 98 |
| 117 | (15) | 416350 | WINSOME WOOSTER 38 (D,F,G,S) P Murphy 5-8-10 | S Drowne | 95 |
| 118 | (9) | 300533 | SHONTAINE 3 (D,BF,F,G) (P Dean) M Johnston 3-8-8 | K Sked | 94 |
| 119 | (22) | 034000 | LEIGH CROFTER 5 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (P Cundell) P Cundell 7-8-7 | M Baird | 90 |
| 120 | (5) | 000 | CROAGH PATRICK 157 (Mrs J Cleary) J Fox 4-8-5 | P Clarke (4) | 89 |
| 121 | (10) | 016044 | CA'D'ORO 20 (G) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 3-8-1 | Iona Wands | 98 |
| 122 | (12) | 600-00 | PRIMELTA 75 (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 3-8-1 | D Denby | 89 |
| 123 | (16) | 000-000 | FLASHING SABRE 21J (F) (H Manners) A Chamberlain 4-8-0 | J McCauley (4) | – |
| 124 | (3) | 4540-00 | VANBOROUGH LAD 76 (F,G,S) (A Galbraith) M Bolton 7-7-13 | T Field (4) | 91 |
| 125 | (13) | 545240 | JAAZIM 18J (D,G) (D Knight) M Madgwick 6-7-12 | C Carver (4) | 93 |
| 126 | (14) | 643-600 | CHILI HEIGHTS 63 (V,C,D,G,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 6-7-12 | J Fowle (4) | 86 |
| 127 | (19) | 500000 | KOWTOW 24 (T Barker) M Usher 3-7-10 | R Brisland (4) | 92 |

BETTING: 9-2 Amber Fort, 6-1 Sea Danzig, 7-1 Regal Splendour, 15-2 Knobbleeneeze, 8-1 Tatika, 10-1 Sagebrush Roller, 12-1 others.

1995: *BARREL OF HOPE 3-9-0 D Sweeney (7-1) J Eyre 27 ran*

#### FORM FOCUS

*BARREL OF HOPE about 6¾l 4th of 22 to Garnock Valley in handicap at Haydock (6f, soft) on penultimate start.* DOUBLE MARCH best effort this term head 3rd of 13 to Slip Jig in maiden at Salisbury (7f, soft). TATIKA beat Mazcobar 2½l in 9-runner apprentice handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start.
MINOLETTI 6l and head 3rd of 13 to Don Bosio in maiden at Catterick (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PRESS ON NICKY 1½l 2nd of 12 to Duello in handicap here (7f 64yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, with KNOBBLEENEEZE (6lb better off) ¾l and neck 4th and ANASTINA (2lb better off) about 1¾l 7th. REGAL SPLENDOUR 5l 2nd of 11 to Alpine Hideaway in apprentice maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). SEA DANZIG beat AMBER FORT (2lb better off) ¾l in 18-runner handicap at Lingfield (7f, good) with CA'D'ORO (8lb better off) 2½l and neck 4th.
Selection: BARREL OF HOPE

### 2.40 VODAFONE GROUP HANDICAP (£6,154: 2m) (14 runners) BBC2

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | (7) | /5516/6 | BLAAZING JOE 28 (F,G) (W Clifford) D Williams 5-10-0 | D Griffiths (5) | – |
| 202 | (11) | 3531 | GINGER FOX 29 (G) (F Salman) H Cecil 3-9-2 | Pat Eddery | 90 |
| 203 | (14) | 4123/00 | MUSE 13 (B,C,F,S) (White Horse Racing) D Elsworth 9-8-13 | B Doyle | – |
| 204 | (4) | 210540 | PEARL VENTURE 26 (D,F,S) (F Chao) S Woods 4-8-10 | K Darley | 96 |
| 205 | (2) | 433202 | UPPER GALLERY 6 (B) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-8 | J Reid | 95 |
| 206 | (6) | 040003 | BENFLEET 13 (G,S) (C Doncaster) R Armstrong 5-8-8 | R Price | 97 |
| 207 | (8) | 033325 | SHINING DANCER 26 (F) (Lakemata Partners) S Dow 4-7-13 | J F Egan | 94 |
| 208 | (3) | 404040 | SHARAF 13 (F) (D Deer) W Muir 3-7-12 | D O'Shea | [illegible] |
| 209 | (13) | 40/0-216 | MIRADOR 85 (F) (Mrs J Whitehead) R Curtis 5-7-12 | G Bardwell | 90 |
| 210 | (1) | 115460 | DOUBLE AGENT 6 (F,G) (R Huggins) M Johnston 3-7-12 | M Henry (3) | 94 |
| 211 | (5) | 232842 | SEA FREEDOM 13 (V) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-7-12 | N Varley (3) | 97 |
| 212 | (9) | 022084 | BOWCLIFFE COURT 29 (G) (J Hanson) B Hills 4-7-10 | J Quinn | 96 |
| 213 | (10) | 4633/00 | MULL HOUSE 13 (CD,F,G) (B Beazley) G Enright 9-7-10 | N Adams | – |
| 214 | (12) | 0-06334 | GINKA 15 (S Mullins) J Mullins 5-7-10 | N Carlisle | 74 |

Long handicap: Mull House 7-2, Ginka 5-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Ginger Fox, 4-1 Upper Gallery, 5-1 Benfleet, 7-1 Sea Freedom, 8-1 Shining Dancer, 10-1 Pearl Venture, Bowcliffe Court, 12-1 others.

1995: EN VANCANCES 3-7-12 T Sprake (15-1) A Foster 11 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

GINGER FOX beat Heart ¾l in 8-runner maiden at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, good). PEARL VENTURE 12½l 4th of 8 to Jiyush in handicap at Yarmouth (2m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. UPPER GALLERY ½l 2nd of 8 to Backwoods in handicap at Catterick (2m, good) with DOUBLE AGENT (3lb better off) 42½l 7th. SHINING DANCER about 2½l 5th of 18 to Fujiyama Crest in handicap at Ascot (2m, good to firm) with PEARL VENTURE (3lb better off) 7l 7th and UPPER GALLERY ½l 8th. MIRADOR beat Castle Secret 1½l in 7-runner handicap at Chepstow (2m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SEA FREEDOM 3½l 2nd of 16 to Flocheck in handicap at Ascot (2m, good) with BENFLEET (1lb better off) neck 3rd. SHARAF (9lb better off) 20½l 11th, MULL HOUSE (3lb worse off) 20l 12th and MUSE (2lb better off) 19l 15th.
Selection: GINGER FOX

### 3.10 VODAFONE HORRIS HILL STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £19,665: 7f 64yd rnd) (8 runners) BBC1

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | (3) | 411401 | ANDREYEV 12 (D,F,G,S) (J Palmer-Brown) R Hannon 8-9 | Dane O'Neill | 98 |
| 302 | (4) | 1361 | BALI PARADISE 34 (CD,F,S) (Al Muallim Partners) P Cole 8-9 | T Quinn | 93 |
| 303 | (1) | 122 | DESERT STORY 25 (S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 | J Reid | [illegible] |
| 304 | (2) | 10 | GENERAL SONG 33 (D,G) (Gen Horse Advertising) K McAuliffe 8-9 | J F Egan | 83 |
| 305 | (5) | 51 | HIDDEN MEADOW 12 (G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-9 | M Hills | 80 |
| 306 | (6) | 341 | ROYAL AMARETTO 42 (D,F) (Harlequin Partners) B Meehan 8-9 | M Tebbutt | 80 |
| 307 | (7) | 1 | SHOWBOAT 9 (D,F) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-9 | Pat Eddery | 82 |
| 308 | (8) | 13 | STARBOROUGH 47 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-9 | K Darley | 95 |

BETTING: 9-4 Desert Story, 3-1 Showboat, 4-1 Andreyev, 7-1 Hidden Meadow, Starborough, 10-1 Bali Paradise, 12-1 Royal Amaretto, 16-1 General Song.

1995: TUMBLEWEED RIDGE 8-9 B Doyle (7-2) B Meehan 9 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

ANDREYEV beat Dacoit 3½l in 6-runner conditions race at Ascot (7f, good). BALI PARADISE beat Jeffrey Anotherred 1½l in 12-runner nursery at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm). DESERT STORY ¾l 2nd of 8 to Benny The Dip in group II Stech Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, good). HIDDEN MEADOW beat Teofilio 1l in 11-runner maiden at York (1m, good). ROYAL AMARETTO beat Blue Goblin ½l in 18-runner maiden at Chepstow (7f, good to firm). SHOWBOAT beat Maylane 5l in 10-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). STARBOROUGH two necks 3rd of 7 to Arethusa in listed race at Kempton (6f, good).
Selection: DESERT STORY (nap)

### 3.40 GARDNER MERCHANT RATED HANDICAP (£8,519: 6f 8yd) (11 runners) BBC1

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | (2) | 222232 | RUSSIAN MUSIC 13 (BF,F) (Seventh Heaven) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-7 | J Reid | 96 |
| 402 | (7) | 410600 | AVERTI 5 (D,F,G) (D Deer) W Muir 5-9-6 | Dane O'Neill | 90 |
| 403 | (1) | 120002 | MADLY SHARP 20 (D,F,G) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 5-9-5 | Pat Eddery | 97 |
| 404 | (8) | 202030 | MONTENDRE 24 (CD,F,G) (D Mort) R Hodges 9-9-5 | T Quinn | 90 |
| 405 | (3) | 06-2306 | THE PUZZLER 131 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Richard Wellesley) B Hills 5-9-4 | M Hills | 90 |
| 406 | (6) | 080500 | HARD TO FIGURE 33 (CD,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 10-9-2 | S Drowne | 94 |
| 407 | (4) | 030450 | WORLD PREMIER 26 (D,F,G) (Mrs C E Brittain) C Brittain 3-9-0 | B Doyle | 90 |
| 408 | (5) | 21-2000 | REPERTORY 5 (G) (Chris Scott) M Channon 3-8-13 | R Perham | 87 |
| 409 | (11) | 041220 | SAMWAR 12 (D,BF,G) (Maygain Ltd) Miss Gay Kelleway 4-8-12 | – | 98 |
| 410 | (10) | 005100 | MUSICAL SEASON 12 (G,S) (P Savill) T Barron 4-8-7 | K Darley | [illegible] |
| 411 | (9) | 030023 | BAJAN ROSE 12 (D,F,G,S) (C McKenna) M Blanshard 4-8-7 | A Daly (5) | 95 |

Long handicap: Bajan Rose 8-3

BETTING: 2-1 Samwar, 9-2 Madly Sharp, Musical Season, 7-1 Bajan Rose, 9-1 Russian Music, 11-1 The Puzzler, 16-1 Averti, World Premier, 20-1 others

1995: DOMULLA 5-8-2 D Griffiths (33-1) R Akehurst 16 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

RUSSIAN MUSIC ¾l 2nd of 14 to Prince Babar in apprentice conditions race at Ascot (1m, good). MADLY SHARP 1l 2nd of 12 to Highborn in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). HARD TO FIGURE beat Easy Dollar head in 6-runner conditions race at Kempton (6f, good) Apr 96 with THE PUZZLER (9lb worse off) 1½l 3rd. WORLD PREMIER 10l 5th of 9 to Karamiarra in conditions race at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SAMWAR 1½l 2nd of 17 to Bolshoi in handicap at Ascot (5f, good) on penultimate start. MUSICAL SEASON 3½l 7th of 17 to Tadeo in handicap at Ascot (5f, good) with SAMWAR 8½l 15th. BAJAN ROSE 2l and head 3rd of 23 to Bollin Joanne in handicap at York (6f, good).
Selection: MADLY SHARP

## Blinkered first time

LUDLOW: 2.20 Spumante. 4.20 Karen's Typhoon. 5.20 Derring Knight, Teeton Two. NEWBURY: 2.10 Green Bopper, Proud Monk. 2.40 Muse, Upper Gallery. 5.10 Polar Eclipse. 5.35 Lady Joshua. NOTTINGHAM: 2.30 Bold Habit, La Fille De Cirque 5.30 Dive Master.

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

### Newbury

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 36 winners from 137 runners, 26.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 41 from 158, 25.9%; Miss G Kelleway, 5 from 21, 23.8%; H Cecil, 18 from 99, 18.2%; Lady Herries, 9 from 51, 17.6%; P Cundell, 3 from 17, 17.6%; B Hanbury, 10 from 57, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 55 winners from 299 rides, 18.4%; Pat Eddery, 46 from 289, 15.9%; D Griffiths, 3 from 23, 13.0%; R Cochrane, 21 from 174, 12.1%; G Hind, 4 from 33, 12.1%; T Quinn, 31 from 266, 11.7%.

### Nottingham

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 22 winners from 71 runners, 31.0%; J Gosden, 11 from 39, 28.2%; J Dunlop, 22 from 117, 18.8%; P Cole, 13 from 69, 18.8%; J Banks, 3 from 17, 17.6%; A Bailey, 4 from 23, 17.4%; B Hills, 8 from 47, 17.0%; L Cumani, 6 from 37, 16.2%; Miss G Kelleway, 3 from 20, 15.0%

JOCKEYS: R Hills, 14 from 92, 15.2%; D *Harrison, 11 from 81, 13.6%; G Duffield,* 16 from 125, 12.8%; T Sprake, 11 from 89, 12.4%; K Fallon, 13 from 110, 11.8%

### Ludlow

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 16 winners from 57 runners, 28.1%; M Pipe, 16 from 66, 24.2%; P Hobbs, 11 from 59, 18.6%; D Burchell, 6 from 33, 18.2%; R Hodges, 6 from 36, 16.7%; W Jenks, 4 from 29, 13.8%
JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 8 from 39, 20.5%; R Massey, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J Osborne, 9 from 49, 18.4%.

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### 4.10 PADDY HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (Div I. 3-Y-O: £3,392: 1m 2f 6yd) (16 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | (10) | 0 | BRYANSTON SQUARE 87 (C Egerton) C Egerton 9-0 | N Day | – |
| 502 | (11) | 0 | DANISH RHAPSODY 156 (C Hardy) Lady Herries 9-0 | Declan O'Shea | – |
| 503 | [illegible] | 00 | D J CAT 195 (J O'Mulloy) W Muir 9-0 | S D Williams | – |
| 504 | (5) | 00 | EXECUTIVE OFFICER 20 (5 Isitt) R Flower 9-0 | D Biggs | – |
| 505 | (15) | 0 | MAZUREK 191 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 | N Adams | – |
| 506 | (3) | 03540 | PHONETIC 47 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 9-0 | J Stack | 95 |
| 507 | (7) | 65 | TUTCHEV 14 (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 9-0 | R Perham | 83 |
| 508 | (14) | 050 | ALL STAND 10 (F Pusmelli) D Chappell 8-9 | N Carlisle | 82 |
| 509 | (6) | 033 | ENRICHED 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 | G Hind | 92 |
| 510 | (13) | 560-202 | LAVENDER DELLA 97 (Abigail Ltd) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 | C Rutter | [illegible] |
| 511 | (2) | | PATIALA (Wyck Hall Stud) R Armstrong 8-9 | R Price | – |
| 512 | (4) | 4022 | SCARPETTA 15 (J Barbe) J Hills 8-9 | M Tebbutt | [illegible] |
| 513 | (1) | 3 | SEA WEDDING 15 (BF) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9 | A McGlone | 97 |
| 514 | (12) | 55 | SULAWESI 63 (J Slade) W Jarvis 8-9 | C Nutter | 85 |
| 515 | (9) | 0 | THATCHAM ISLAND 28 (Berkshire Components) D Williams 8-9 | G Bardwell | – |
| 516 | (16) | 5 | WINDRUSH HOLLY 62 (Regal Ltd) J Bosley 8-9 | S Davies | 88 |

BETTING: 7-2 Sea Wedding, 6-1 Enriched, 7-1 Scarpetta, 8-1 Mazurek, 10-1 Sulawesi, Tutchev, 14-1 others

1995: BINT ZAMAYEM 8-9 R Perham (9-1) B Hills 13 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

PHONETIC about 4½l 4th of 14 to Saleemah in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ALL STAND 7¾l 5th of 11 to Lionel Edwards in auction maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ENRICHED 2½l and neck 3rd of 10 to Multicoloured in maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good) with TUTCHEV 7l 5th. LAVENDER DELLA best effort this term 2½l 2nd of 5 to Cd Super Targeting in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). SCARPETTA 4l 3rd of 10 to Smilin 'N Wishin in maiden at Nottingham (1m 2f, good) with SEA WEDDING 1l 3rd. SULAWESI about 5¼l 5th of 8 to Trick in maiden at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm). WINDRUSH HOLLY about 7¾l 5th of 9 to Kerry Ring in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft).
Selection: ENRICHED

### 4.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND THEALE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,276: 6f 8yd) (23 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 601 | (5) | | ARDENT (R Lamb) C Benstead 9-0 | D Biggs | – |
| 602 | (21) | | DAVIDS REVENGE (P Pusinelli) D Chappell 9-0 | D O'Shea | – |
| 603 | (17) | 66 | DEAD AIM 16 (Al Muallim Partners) I Balding 9-0 | B Doyle | 85 |
| 604 | (2) | 0 | E-MAIL 25 (G Coull) J Eustace 9-0 | – | 84 |
| 605 | (16) | 0 | FLYING THATCH 6 (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 9-0 | R Perham | – |
| 606 | (19) | | FLY TO THE STARS (P Savill) M Johnston 9-0 | K Darley | – |
| 607 | (9) | | KHAFAAQ (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 | S Whitworth | – |
| 608 | (23) | | MAYPOLE (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 | P McCabe (3) | – |
| 609 | (3) | 4 | MUSHARAK 13 (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 | Pat Eddery | [illegible] |
| 610 | (20) | 6 | PRAEDITUS 13 (B Kilpatrick) R Hannon 9-0 | Dane O'Neill | 86 |
| 611 | (4) | 0 | PURCHASING POWER 25 (M Tabor) N Callaghan 9-0 | J F Egan | – |
| 612 | (6) | | SMART DOMINION (G Ward) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 | G Hind | – |
| 613 | (18) | | SOVIET STATE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 | J Reid | – |
| 614 | (7) | 05 | THORNTON 16 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 | A McGlone | 91 |
| 615 | (22) | 0 | TIMOTHY GEORGE 7 (T Waddington) G Balding 9-0 | J Stack | – |
| 616 | (1) | 0 | TOP OF THE GREEN 22 (T Molossi) P Makin 9-0 | R Havlin (3) | – |
| 617 | (12) | 5 | ZA-IM 24 (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 | M Hills | 86 |
| 618 | (15) | | ARANTXA (Mrs A Yearley) M Bell 8-9 | M Fenton | – |
| 619 | (14) | | HIBERNICA (T Waddington) G Balding 8-9 | S Drowne | – |
| 620 | (11) | 0 | KAREN'S HAT 66 (R Scully) I Balding 8-9 | C Rutter | – |
| 621 | (10) | | MARY MAGDALENE (A Lloyd Webber) M Bell 8-9 | T Quinn | – |
| 622 | (8) | 0 | SWEET BETTSIE 24 (Jadecliff Ltd) A Foster 8-9 | M Tebbutt | – |
| 623 | (13) | | YASINT EL SULTAN (G D Imports) B McMahon 8-9 | J Quinn | – |

BETTING: 7-2 Soviet State, 4-1 Musharak, 5-1 Maypole, 6-1 Za-Im, 8-1 Khafaaq, 10-1 Karen's Hat, 12-1 Praeditus, 14-1 others

1995: FLY TIP 8-9 M Hills (11-1) B Hills 20 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

DEAD AIM 7¾l 6th of 10 to Crystal Hearted in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to firm). E-MAIL 18l 8th to Kahal in conditions race at Ascot (7f, good) with PURCHASING POWER 6l 11th. FLYING THATCH 16l 18th of 22 to Baked Alaska in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). MUSHARAK 3¾l 4th of 7 to Dances With Dreams in maiden at Ascot (6f, good) with PRAEDITUS 2¾l 6th. THORNTON about 2¾l 5th of 11 to Ihtiyati in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to firm). ZA-IM 4¾l 5th of 12 to Sabina in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good). KAREN'S HAT 9½l 8th of 13 to Joza in maiden at Windsor (5f, good to firm)
Selection: MUSHARAK

## RICHARD EVANS

**Nap: BAJAN ROSE** (3.40 Newbury)
**Next best: Desert Story** (3.10 Newbury)

### 5.10 ROUND OAK HANDICAP (£6,418: 1m 2f 6yd) (22 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (20) | 130210 | GAME PLOY 19 (CD,F,G) (K Nynaston) D Haydn Jones 4-10-0 | – | 98 |
| 2 | (13) | 213834 | NABHAAN 62 (F) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 3-9-10 | M Fenton | 90 |
| 3 | (7) | 100303 | TIME FOR ACTION 15 (F,G) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 4-9-10 | J Reid | 97 |
| 4 | (21) | 11/145/ | RED RAINBOW 972 (D,G,S) (J Ali) B Hanbury 8-9-9 | J Stack | – |
| 5 | (1) | 020018 | SECRET ALY 26 (D,BF,F,G) (B Vcak) C Brittain 6-9-8 | B Doyle | 97 |
| 6 | (15) | 550340 | CHAMPAGNE PRINCE 19 (F) (Magnum Force) P Harris 3-9-7 | G Hind | 94 |
| 7 | (2) | 503122 | SHIFTING MOON 95J (F) (Mrs K Roberts-Hindle) F Jordan 4-9-7 | J Quinn | 92 |
| 8 | (12) | 500-100 | SIT ON THE SIDE 13 (D,G,S) (M Hawkett) N Berry 7-9-7 | P McCabe (3) | 90 |
| 9 | (22) | 225460 | TEN PAST SIX 14 (F) (J Kennerley) M Wane 4-9-7 | R Perham | 95 |
| 10 | (18) | 2500-00 | GONE FOR A BURTON 15 (D,F,S) (H Carrington) P Makin 6-9-6 | Pat Eddery | 91 |
| 11 | (17) | 161034 | ANOTHER TIME 19 (D,F,G) (D Sullivan) S Woods 4-9-5 | D Biggs | 94 |
| 12 | (4) | 210 | SHEHAB 7 (D,F) (J Whelan) P Hedger 3-9-4 | A McGlone | 94 |
| 13 | (10) | 511350 | DIMINUTIVE 33 (D,F) (Gainsbury Partners) J Hills 3-9-2 | M Henry (3) | 93 |
| 14 | (8) | 305326 | VOLA VIA 23 (F) (G Smart) I Balding 3-9-1 | R Fowley (7) | 96 |
| 15 | (3) | 132015 | SHARP CONSUL 58 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 4-9-1 | C Rutter | 94 |
| 16 | (14) | 0-41000 | THERHEA 18 (C,S) (R Gudge) B Millman 3-9-1 | S Drowne | 94 |
| 17 | (16) | 520060 | POLAR ECLIPSE 15 (B,S) (J Good) M Johnston 3-9-1 | M Hills | 98 |
| 18 | (19) | 005300 | DANEGOLD 5 (V,D,F,G,S) (Dream Team) M Channon 4-8-13 | T Quinn | [illegible] |
| 19 | (6) | 1-61566 | SHINING EXAMPLE 12 (D,F) (D Ahler) P Makin 4-8-12 | K Darley | 90 |
| 20 | (5) | 1U2040 | EDAN HEIGHTS 13 (S) (T Mountain) S Dow 4-8-11 | A Daly (5) | 97 |
| 21 | (11) | 3-03000 | VAUGRENIER 15 (F) (I Twigden) R Hannon 4-8-7 | Dane O'Neill | 93 |
| 22 | (9) | 2151-46 | DEBUTANTE DAYS 18 (D,F,S) C Egerton 4-8-5 | Sophie Mitchell (5) | 94 |

BETTING: 5-1 Game Ploy, 6-1 Time For Action, 7-1 Vola Via, 8-1 Edan Heights, 10-1 Nabhaan, 12-1 Shehab, Sharp Consul, 14-1 others.

1995: JAGELLON 4-8-13 J Reid (12-1) W Muir 22 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

NABHAAN 14l 4th of 7 to Flying Legend in handicap at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to soft). TIME FOR ACTION 1l 3rd of 20 to Pasternak in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good) with GONE FOR A BURTON (3lb better off) 5¼l 7th. SECRET ALY beat Rory ½l in 16-runner handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. ANOTHER TIME 5½l 4th of 38 to Clifton Fox in handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm) with GAME PLOY (2lb worse off) 8½l 19th and CHAMPAGNE PRINCE (4lb better off) 6l 26th. SHEHAB beat Rebel County 7f in 7-runner claimer at Sandown (1m 2f, firm) penultimate start. VOLA VIA 6¾l 6th of 14 to Step Aloft in apprentice handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). POLAR ECLIPSE 10½l 8th of 11 to Mellottie in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: TIME FOR ACTION

### 5.35 PADDY HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,392: 1m 2f 6yd) (16 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (3) | 0 | ALARICO 15 (J Poynton) I Williams 9-0 | R Price | – |
| 2 | (8) | 56-0006 | BACK BY DAWN 16 (W Harrison-Allan) D Elsworth 9-0 | M Tebbutt | – |
| 3 | (10) | | BOLD BUSTER (R Hitchins) I Balding 9-0 | C Rutter | – |
| 4 | (6) | 6 | BONANZA PEAK 14 (Golden Arrow) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 | G Bardwell | [illegible] |
| 5 | (11) | 303420 | FOREST ROBIN 15 (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 | S Davies | [illegible] |
| 6 | (7) | 00 | PORLOCK CASTLE 40 (D Beverton) K Burke 9-0 | D Biggs | – |
| 7 | (12) | 6 | TASSILI 199 (M Broke) Lady Herries 9-0 | N Day | 73 |
| 8 | (4) | 00 | THREE WEEKS 407 (D Wiltshire) W Muir 9-0 | S D Williams | – |
| 9 | (13) | | AMAZON PRINCESS (C Hanadine) J Fitch-Heyes 8-9 | C Nutter | – |
| 10 | (2) | 0 | CANADIAN JIVE 143 (Horris Vale Racing) D Arbuthnot 8-9 | D O'Shea | – |
| 11 | (15) | 4-2 | DANCING DEBUT 138 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Gosden 8-9 | G Hind | 96 |
| 12 | (9) | 5 | HIGHLAND GIFT 191 (Lord Weinstock) R Charlton 8-9 | R Perham | [illegible] |
| 13 | (16) | 4 | LACANDONA 44 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 | N Adams | 81 |
| 14 | (5) | 62-236 | LADY JOSHUA 15 (B) (Mrs A Butler) J Dunlop 8-9 | J Stack | 92 |
| 15 | (14) | 2-33420 | MADAME STEINLEN 27 (BF) (E Parker) B Hills 8-9 | A McGlone | 85 |
| 16 | (1) | 0 | PERSUASION 380 (Countess Of Lonsdale) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 | N Carlisle | – |

BETTING: 4-1 Lacandona, 9-2 Dancing Debut, 5-1 Lady Joshua, 8-1 Highland Gift, Forest Robin, 12-1 Bold Buster, 14-1 Bonanza Peak, 16-1 others.

1995: BINT ZAMAYEM 3-8-9 R Perham (9-1) B Hills 13 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

BONANZA PEAK about 11l 6th of 10 to Multicoloured in maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). FOREST ROBIN ¾l 2nd of 19 to Veni Vidi Vici in handicap at Kempton (1m, good) on penultimate start. TASSILI about 15l 6th of 15 to Magnificent Style in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good). DANCING DEBUT 1¾l 2nd of 11 to Akhla in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). HIGHLAND GIFT about 3¼l 5th of 10 to Sherpas in maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). LACANDONA about 4l 4th of 14 to Jumairah Sunset in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). LADY JOSHUA neck and 4l 3rd of 8 to Fine Detail in maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: HIGHLAND GIFT

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**RUGBY LEAGUE**

# Britain look to Goulding for hope in adversity

FROM CHRISTOPHER IRVINE IN PALMERSTON NORTH

ADVERSITY can inspire and it will need to here tomorrow. Great Britain are 1-0 down to New Zealand in the three-match series yet keep their optimism stoically intact, despite the squad being trimmed to the bone by injury and the decision to send nine more players home early to save costs.

A reduced squad leaves Phil Larder, the Britain coach, with little room for manoeuvre in the two remaining internationals. Sticking plaster is all that is holding several players together and an elbow infection means that Tony Smith is out until the final match at Christchurch. Worryingly, it leaves no cover at scrum half for Bobbie Goulding, as if the burden of being the one player who can genuinely inspire *Britain were not enough.*

There was predictable disquiet among a party that had prided itself on togetherness at the Rugby Football League's move, in keeping with an earlier dismissal of six of its staff in Leeds, to withdraw the bulk of the midweek side without notice. The decision is not an entirely inappropriate one, but it should have been taken before the party left last month. One or two players might yet be recalled, but how accommodating they would be after such shoddy treatment is uncertain.

Larder: still confident

Larder said: "We're professionals in a business and we'll get on with it, but the sad thing is we didn't get a chance to say goodbye to our mates, and I'm hacked off that I wasn't made aware of it, so I've been unable to thank the lads for the effort they put in or explain to some *players why they have been* left out of the 17."

While the loss of the players has had no effect on team selection, morale in the camp could have been better served. Britain retain the starting line-up from the opening 17-12 defeat, although Daryl Powell did not train yesterday because of a niggling hamstring injury. Chris Joynt, too, skipped the session. He is joined on the substitutes' bench by three new faces, *Barrie-Jon Mather, Karle* Hammond and Steve Molloy. The Kiwis are sticking by their original 17.

The threat posed by individuals of the calibre of John Timu, scorer of two tries in the first match, and Matthew Ridge, an inspirational New Zealand captain, is considerable. Collectively, however, Britain are hard to break down, as the fact that New Zealand only broke their line when Adrian Morley was sin-binned in the 72nd minute showed. On the attack they can conjure, through Goulding, plenty out of little.

*If Iestyn Harris, playing* alongside Goulding, can conquer his nerves, he can help Britain to go a long way towards squaring the series. Defensively, there were few weak links in Auckland. According to Larder, Britain must repeat the nine-tenths the side got right and transforming the other tenth. That pre-supposes, however, that New Zealand again disappoint in attack, which they are prone to do.

Larder may discuss with Graham Annesley, the Australian referee, how he intends to interpret the controversial area around the play-the-ball. "A refereeing decision cost us the first game with Morley's sin-binning, yet the holding down in the tackle by New Zealand was unbelievable," he said. "But we're confident. There are areas where we have to improve, where we have to ask a few more questions, but we can do that."

Disappointing attendances mean that the tour is set to lose about £500,000. Interest in the second match is considerable, though, as the Kiwis are poised to end 12 years without a series defeat of Britain. That should ensure a healthy crowd at the Oval Showgrounds.

NEW ZEALAND (from): M Ridge (Auckland, captain); S Hoppe (Auckland), R Blackmore (Auckland), J Timu (Canterbury), R Barnett (Auckland), G Ngamu (Auckland), S Jones (Auckland), G Young (South Queensland), S Eru (Auckland), Q Pongia (Canberra), T Iro (Sydney City), S Kearney (Auckland), T Smith (South Sydney), M Ellis (Auckland), J Vagana (Auckland), L Swann (Auckland), R Wiki (Canberra)

GREAT BRITAIN: S Spruce (Bradford); A Hunte (St Helens), K Radlinski (Wigan), D Powell (Keighley), A Sullivan (St Helens); I Harris (Warrington), R Goulding (St Helens); P Broadbent (Sheffield), K Cunningham (St Helens), T O'Connor (Wigan), D Betts (Auckland), P Sculthorpe (Warrington), A Farrell (Wigan, captain) Substitutes: B-J Mather (Perth), K Hammond (St Helens), S Molloy (Featherstone), C Joynt (St Helens)

Referee: G Annesley (Australia).

## YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

### Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 3yd) 1, MEDFEE (K Darley, 7-1). 2, Catumbella (L Dettori, 6-4 fav); 3, Royal Action (R Cochrane, 16-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Rash Gift, 11-2 Yukon Hope (4th), 20 Questing Star (6th), Sutuf, Two To Tango (5th) 8 ran. 3l, ¾l, 1½l, 1½l, nk. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote £9.30; £2.20, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £8.20. CSF: £16.64

2.30 (1m 3yd) 1, SOCIAL PILLAR (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 2, Polar Flight (M Roberts, 8-1). 3, Zaima (K Darley, 11-2) ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ink Pot, 10 Wobble (5th), 14 Irish Fiction (6th), Time Can Tell (4th), 25 Fancy A Fortune, Linden's Lad, 33 Bert. 10 ran. Hd, 3l, sh hd, 2½l, 2l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.40, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £9.10. Trio: £9.40. CSF: £13.82. Tricast: £54.00

3.00 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, PETOSKIN (M Wigham, 16-1); 2, Rock The Barney (P McCabe, 11-2 jt-fav); 3, McGillycuddy Reeks (K Darley, 13-2); 4, Eskimo Kiss (D Harrison, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Comedy River, 7 Tirols Tyrant (ur), 8 Pat's Splendour, 12 El Bardador, 14 Haute Cuisine, Quiltwork (pu), Record Lover (5th), 20 Junior Ben (6th), Spanish Stripper, Yellow Dragon, 25 Chilly Lad (su), Contrarie, 40 Media Express, 50 La Thuile (f), Shedansar, Tee Tee Too. 20 ran. 3l, hd, 1¾l, 3½l, 3l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote £22.90; £7.80, £1.70, £1.30, £2.60. DF £90.80. Trio: £103.60. CSF: £103.76. Tricast: £806.01

3.30 (6f 3yd) 1, INTIKHAB (R Hills, 30-100 fav); 2, Restless Spirit (L Dettori, 3-1); 3, Turtle Moon (K Darley, 20-1) 3 ran. 3l, 7l. D Morley. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.49.

4.00 (7f 3yd) 1, SEKARI (R Hughes, 8-11 fav); 2, Alezal (A McGlone, 25-1); 3, Motet (M Hills, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Sporting Fellow (4th), 10 Irsal (5th), 14 Farnese, 16 Fatal Sahra, 33 Harmony Hall (6th), Kamin, 50 Macaroni Beach, 100 Basic Impulse. 11 ran. ¾l, 3l, ¾l, 1l, hd. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote £1.60; £1.20, £8.80, £2.60. DF: £73.40. Trio £127.60. CSF: £19.58

4.30 (7f 3yd) 1, COURTSHIP (A McGlone, 8-15 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating and Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Judicial Supremacy (D Harrison, 16-1), 3, Indium (L Dettori, 9-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Fayik (5th), 25 Enavius, 33 Tyrolean Dream, 66 Bicton Park (4th), Doc Ryan's (6th), 100 Pirongia. 9 ran. NR: Premier. Sh hd, ¾l, 1½l, sh hd, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.00, £4.00, £2.10. DF: £9.60. Trio £34.00. CSF: £9.77.

5.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, OMARA (A McGlone, 7-2 fav); 2, Bubble Wings (K Darley, 5-1). 3, Harvey White (G Bardwell, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Family Man, Zidaro, 11-2 Sadler's Walk (5th), 13-2 Hippy (4th), 9 Melt The Clouds, 10 Lady Of Leisure (6th), 25 Polish Rhythm. 10 ran. ½l, 1¾l, 1¼l, 1½l, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £1.70, £3.90. DF: £11.00. Trio £84.90. CSF: £22.82. Tricast: £214.50.

Placepot: £20.70. Quadpot: £9.20.

2.10 (7f) 1, Society Rose (K Fallon, 1-2 fav), 2, Kippilaw (13-2); 3, Santa Rosa (11-4). 8 ran. NR: Melodic Squaw. 4l, hd. M Stoute. Tote: £1.60; £1.00, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £3.80. Trio: £1.30. CSF: £4.60.

2.40 (6f) 1, Rihan (J Carroll, 5-4 fav), 2, Tal-Y-Llyn (11-4), 3, Nanskin (3-1) 12 ran. NR: Hio Nod. 1l, ¾l. S bin Suroor. Tote: £2.00; £1.00, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £3.40. Trio £1.70. CSF: £4.89

3.10 (1m) 1, Diamond Crown (K Fallon, 9-1), 2, Funky (11-1); 3, Harvest Reaper (20-1); 4, Sir Arthur Hobbs (5-1). Kevasingo 7-2 fav. 20 ran. Hd, 2½l. M Wane. Tote: £7.50; £1.70, £2.90, £16.10, £7.40. DF £40.30. CSF: £104.27. Tricast: £1,828.01

3.40 (6f) 1, Saddlehome (J Carroll, 9-1), 2, Vax New Way (16-1), 3, Don Pepe (12-1); 4, Carmonneur (14-1). Dictation 6-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Colston-C. Nk, ½l. T Barron. Tote £9.70; £2.40, £3.50, £2.40, £3.50. DF: £117.10. Trio: £262.60. CSF: £144.35. Tricast: £1,661.74.

4.10 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Lapu-Lapu (L Charnock, 4-1); 2, Altayza (25-1); 3, Bold Enough (10-1); 4, Newbridge Boy (14-1). Glitbox 7-2 fav. 20 ran. 1¼l, nk. M Camacho. Tote: £4.80; £1.20, £1.80, £3.10, £5.30. DF: £50.30. Trio: £299.40. CSF: £99.54. Tricast: £888.81

4.40 (5f) 1, Stuffed (G Parkin, 6-1); 2, Shadow Jury (20-1), 3, Ziggy's Dancer (11-2); 4, Able Sheriff (16-1). Gone Savage 7-2 fav. 18 ran. 1l, nk. M W Easterby. Tote £6.60; £1.90, £7.60, £1.80, £4.50. DF: £136.60. Trio: £745.80. CSF: £125.49. Tricast: £690.30

5.10 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Adamton (J Carroll, 14-1); 2, Explosive Power (12-1), 3, Super High (10-1); 4, Zahran (16-1). Elpidos 3-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Our Tom. ½l, 1l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £18.90; £4.60, £2.30, £4.30, £3.90. DF: £139.00. Trio £376.50. CSF: £179.59. Tricast: £1,638.66.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £32,476.11 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £69.80. Quadpot: £20.60.

### Newcastle

Going: good to firm, good in places

[illegible] (6f) 1, Leading Princess (J Fortune, 12-1); 2, Amrod (8-1); 3, Indahra (10-1); 4, Mister Westsound (10-1). Barato 7-1 jt-fav. 20 ran. Nk, hd. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £14.90; £2.70, £2.40, £3.20, £1.60. DF: £34.30. Trio: £381.20. CSF: £107.03. Tricast: £969.07.

### Exeter

Going: good to firm, good in places

1.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Edgemoor Prince (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 2, Iktasab (2-7 fav); 3, Steer Point (33-1) 7 ran. 5l, 21l. P Hobbs. Tote £4.80; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £5.19.

2.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Aslar (W McFarland, 8-1); 2, Glowing Path (8-1), 3, Nordic Crown (7-1). Cashflow Crisis 5-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Against The Clock. 4l, 4l. J Moore. Tote: £9.80; £2.20, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £62.70. Trio: £118.90. CSF: £66.52. Tricast: £437.41.

2.50 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, Mr Playfull (J Frost, 5-2); 2, Goldenswift (5-6 fav), 3, Mingus (10-1) 7 ran. 5l, 10l. R Frost. Tote £2.90; £2.20, £1.10. DF £2.50. CSF £4.82

3.20 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Snow Board (D Byrne, 7-4 fav); 2, Relative Chance (12-1), 3, Handcom (14-1) 11 ran. 1¾l, 12l. Mrs M Jones. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £6.20, £3.70. DF: £14.50. Trio: £206.50. CSF: £23.71. Tricast: £226.08.

3.50 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Playing Truant (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 2, Chickabiddy (11-8 fav), 3, Jewel Thief (9-2) 5 ran. 1l, dist. O Gandolfo. Tote: £5.60; £3.20, £1.20. DF £4.90. CSF: £9.54.

4.20 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Samlee (A P McCoy, 1-2 fav); 2, Koncal Cavalier (7-2), 3, General Mouktar (7-1) 7 ran. 1¾l, 7l. P Hobbs. Tote £1.40; £1.10, £1.60. DF £2.20. CSF £2.67

Placepot: £18.30. Quadpot: £3.80.

MARK DUNCAN

Cone makes his pitch for glory against Atlanta Braves.

**BASEBALL:** TACTICAL RETHINK HELPS NEW YORK TO REDUCE WORLD SERIES DEFICIT

# Torre's small talk spurs Yankees

**Keith Blackmore** in Atlanta on the words of wisdom that brought the Braves to heel

The New York Yankees struck back in the World Series against the Atlanta Braves here yesterday by doing the last thing anyone would expect from the *biggest, brassiest name* in baseball: thinking small.

After being bludgeoned by the Braves' hitting in game one, then suffocated by their pitching in game two, the Yankees were in danger of being swept away in the best-of-seven series. Then, in game three, Joe Torre, their manager, found a way for them to win.

When Tom Glavine, the usually faultless Braves pitcher, walked Tim Raines, the first batter he faced, it seemed no more than an irritation. But Torre ordered the next batter, *Derek Jeter, to bunt (put a* dead bat on the ball with the aim of advancing a runner already on base). Raines was able to advance to second, and then score when Bernie Williams singled up the middle. "We needed to take a lead," Torre said. "It was important to think small and not just be swinging for the fences all the time."

It was the first time that the Yankees had led in any of the games, and it allowed them to use the formula that had won them the American League *pennant — to get a lead,* then use good starting pitching to reach their imposing closing pitchers, Mariano Rivera and John Wetteland, from the seventh inning.

It also allowed two of their brightest stars to shine. When David Cone, the ace of the pitching staff, entered hospital in May for treatment on a troublesome right arm, he was expecting to find one of the familiar problems that afflict pitchers. Instead, doctors diagnosed a potentially life-threatening aneurysm, and Cone underwent surgery to graft *part of a vein from his left leg* into his arm.

It seemed more than likely that he would never pitch again, never mind take the mound in the World Series less than six months later. Yet, although some of his power had been lost, he managed to get by on guile and guts, and these were the qualities that saw him through six innings yesterday.

"Considering the circumstances, this was the toughest start that David has had to make," Torre said. "He seemed relaxed and he had that look in his eye for the first time in a long while. He knew how badly we needed the win and he gave it to us."

The Yankees led 2-0, thanks to an unearned run in the fourth, by the time that Cone reached his biggest test in the sixth. After walking two batters and giving up a hit to Grissom, he loaded the bases for the Braves' clean-up hitter, Fred McGriff, with only one out. First, Cone persuaded Torre that *he* should stay in *the game.* Then he persuaded McGriff to pop the ball up. Another walk forced in a run, but when Lopez fouled out, the crisis had passed.

The stage was then clear for Bernie Williams, the Yankees' dazzling young centre-fielder, to make his mark after two fruitless games in New York. When he came up to bat in the eighth, he had already singled and driven in a run. He crashed the second pitch he received from Greg McMichael, the Braves reliever, over the right-field fence for a two-run homer that finally broke the game open for the Yankees, who added another run later in the inning to lead 5-1.

The Yankees' relievers took over, and although they were less impressive than their reputations, giving up a scratchy run to Grissom's triple and Lemke's single, the game was safe.

It was a deeply disappointing night for the Braves. More than 50,000 fans packed Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium to see them take another step towards a second consecutive World Series, but they gave a listless performance.

Cone, however, had had a night to remember. "When I was lying in that hospital bed and heard the word 'aneurysm', the World Series was the farthest thing from my mind," he said. "I wish I was eloquent enough to tell you how I feel about being here tonight."

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FOOTBALL

# Todd keeps his eye on higher prize

By Peter Ball

BOLTON Wanderers did not have long to savour their 2-1 victory over Chelsea in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night, their latest knockout blow to opposition from the FA Carling Premiership. They were back in training yesterday, preparing for a less glamorous, but more important, visit to Barnsley tomorrow.

"That's a big game for us," Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, said after watching his team add Chelsea to a list of recent cup victims that includes Arsenal, Aston Villa, Everton and Liverpool. If a return to the Premiership is the priority for the leaders of the first division of the Nationwide League, another cup run is is still a welcome distraction. "We feel capable of beating a lot of clubs," Todd said.

The greatest satisfaction at the most recent success was felt by Nathan Blake, who had an unhappy time as an apprentice at Stamford Bridge. "It's not easy for an outsider to feel at home in London, and I never did," he said yesterday.

Bought by Bolton to score enough goals to save them from relegation last season, he failed to find his feet in a struggling side. Now he looks a formidable forward, with power, pace and a sure touch in front of goal.

As well as the satisfaction of putting one over his former club, Blake may have further cause for celebration. Among the spectators who saw him causing endless problems for the Chelsea defenders was Bobby Gould, the Wales manager. Blake's last international call-up ended in disappointment, but with Mark Hughes suspended for the visit to Holland, his selection is on the cards.

With Stockport County winning at Blackburn Rovers, the real shocks were confined to east Lancashire, but Gillingham and Luton Town both produced commendable results. Ceri Hughes earned Luton a draw with Wimbledon at Selhurst Park, the second-division club proving more successful than Wimbledon's recent Premiership opponents. Joe Kinnear's team will now find out what it is like to be the giant visiting a small ground when they go to Kenilworth Road for the replay.

Gillingham did equally well, coming from two goals down to hold Coventry City to a draw after Paul Telfer had given the Premiership team an apparently secure lead at the interval. By the end, Gillingham were unlucky not to have won as Simon Ratcliffe and Andy Hessenthaler controlled midfield, Ratcliffe scoring the equaliser after Iffy Onuora had initiated the recovery.

"We're relieved to get a replay when you look at some of the other results," Ron Atkinson, the Coventry manager, said. "But I am very annoyed. Let's face it, the game should have been over at half-time. When you take your foot off the pedal and start free-wheeling, as some of our players did in the second half, it is asking for trouble."

Coventry certainly found it. "I'm disappointed we didn't win," Tony Pulis, the Gillingham manager, said. "But Paul Scally, the chairman, is delighted with the replay. It means a lot more money in the coffers and it is a boost for me, too, because I want to buy more good players."

He might find he is selling before he buys. "Ron Atkinson asked me afterwards who are the best midfield players in the lower divisions," Pulis said. "I told him he's just seen them — Ratcliffe and Hessenthaler."

There was no repeat glory for York City this time round — instead there was a repeat of the events of last year. A year ago, after beating Manchester United in the second round, York succumbed to Queen's Park Rangers. This year, after their win over Everton, they were again brought back to earth by less glamorous Premiership opposition, this time in the form of Leicester City. The Midlands club matched York for effort, and let their ability decide the issue.

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**The threat of a strike by players in the Nationwide Football League is receding. Provisional agreement to solve the dispute over the Professional Footballers' Association's share of money from the new Sky television deal was reached at a meeting yesterday. The agreement has to be ratified by the League's board of directors and the clubs.**

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# Crystal Palace sign Shipperley for £1m

By Our Sports Staff

GRAEME SOUNESS, the Southampton manager, yesterday agreed to sell Neil Shipperley to Crystal Palace for £1 million and will now intensify his efforts to sign Pavel Kuka, the Czech Republic player.

Shipperley, who has lost his first-team place to the Norwegian, Egil Ostenstadt, was Southampton's joint record signing when he joined them from Chelsea for £1.2 million after a spell on loan with Watford. He has scored 12 goals in 65 games for Southampton.

Terry Byfield, the Crystal Palace secretary, confirmed last night that Shipperley, a former England under-21 international, was expected at Selhurst Park today for a medical and to finalise personal terms.

Souness, who was impressed by the player during Euro '96, now plans to offer £2 million for Kuka, who plays for Kaiserslautern in the German second division. He first tried to sign him six weeks ago but Kaiserslautern were keen to hang on to Kuka while they were in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Portsmouth were also interested in signing Shipperley but were unable to meet Southampton's asking price.

Branco, a member of the Brazilian World Cup-winning squad in 1994, has been released by the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson.

The 32-year-old full back will have the final eight months of a lucrative contract paid up after making only one Premiership appearance this season. He was not even chosen for a Central League match against Sheffield United last week.

Robson signed Branco last February but the player arrived in England a stone overweight and made only five appearances in the closing weeks of the season.

Branco said yesterday: "I am glad I was able to help out Middlesbrough during a difficult period. Also, I was able to give my great friend, Juninho, the help and encouragement he needed."

Robson admires Branco's attacking skills but he has to tighten a defence that has conceded 11 goals in the last four games.

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RALF STOCKHOFF

Becker gives a forehand return full concentration during his straight-sets victory over Rusedski in the Stuttgart Open yesterday

# Becker makes it through the pain

By Our Sports Staff

GREG RUSEDSKI, the Canadian-born Great Britain No 2, lost to Boris Becker in straight sets in the second round of the Stuttgart Open yesterday. The three-times Wimbledon champion from Germany then admitted that he is still playing in some pain.

Rusedski, who had successfully negotiated the qualifying competition, went down 6-4, 6-4 to the sixth seed but was far from disgraced. Indeed, his world ranking of 56 may even improve a little when the next list is announced on Monday. After winning three qualifying matches, he beat Carlos Moya, of Spain, who is ranked No 24 in the world, in the first round on Tuesday.

When Becker is playing in front of his fanatical German supporters, it is hard not to feel some sympathy for his opponent. Although he missed several key chances to get a grip on the match, Rusedski played some crisp volleys and passing shots to scant applause. By contrast, the crowd roared the German's every move.

Becker took an early initiative with a service break in the third game of the match, when Rusedski played a forehand into the net. Although not serving at his best, Becker then clinched the first set after 39 minutes, when the Briton hit a service return out of court.

There was a spell in the second set in which both players just boomed in their services and rallies were few and far between. But, in the ninth game, the German hit a forehand passing shot to break again and lead 5-4. In the next game, he won the match with an ace. It had lasted 68 minutes.

Becker, the Australian Open champion, suffered a wrist injury at Wimbledon earlier this year and said: "The more I play, the more it hurts. But it comes with the package. The injury has gone but, because I had a cast for so long, some of the muscles disappeared. I can only get them back by playing tournaments."

He needs good results at this event to make sure of a place at the final event of the season, the world championship, in Hanover next month. He won the title last year but said that his main goal at the moment was simply getting fit enough to play.

"Sometimes, going to the doctor has been more exhausting than playing tournaments," Becker said. "But my priority at the moment has been getting fit. It would be nice to make it to Hanover, but I have only been thinking about my body recently."

Of yesterday's victory, Becker said: "I have to be satisfied to win in straight sets here, because this is probably the best field ever." The top 38 players in the world have all been playing at the event with the exception of Andrei Medvedev, who is injured.

Earlier yesterday, Thomas Muster, the defending champion and No 3 seed, limped out of the tournament with a recurring hip injury. The Austrian retired from a second-round match with Mark Woodforde after the Australian had taken a 3-0 lead in the third set.

Muster said: "I have had this for a few years and it is not getting better. If I knew what to do with it, I would be a doctor, not a tennis player."

Stefan Edberg, another former Wimbledon champion, who is playing his last year on the ATP Tour, also went out in the second round yesterday, losing 7-6, 6-3 to Goran Ivanisevic, the No 5 seed from Croatia. The Swede had beaten Tim Henman, the British No 1, in the first round.

Pete Sampras, of the United States, enjoyed a comfortable 6-3, 6-4 victory over Sargis Sargsian, a qualifier from Armenia.

# Crowther switches from defence to attack

By Alix Ramsay

AFTER months of speculation, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) yesterday announced the appointment of John Crowther as its new chief executive. Crowther will take over from Ian Peacock at the beginning of January and will spend the next couple of months acquainting himself with the workings of the LTA.

Crowther's experience of tennis is limited — he is a regular recreational player — and it was his business acumen that earned him the job. Over his 23-year career, he has worked for Hawker Siddeley and British Aerospace and is at present the chief executive of the defence systems division of Vickers plc. Such experience should stand him in good stead as, for much of the past ten years, Peacock has taken flak from all sides as British tennis has tried to emerge from the doldrums.

Crowther, however, will take the reins just as the international aspect is improving. With Tim Henman ranked No 25 in the world and Greg Rusedski heading for the top 50, he should have an easier start than his predecessor.

He sees his first task as getting to know and understand the characters and the issues involved at every level of the game. "In my years in industry, I have experience of negotiating with everyone from African dictators to prime ministers, so I think I can bring to the job an understanding of what makes people tick," he said.

"Sport is big business these days and I am aware of the LTA's commitment to success from grass roots to international level."

Crowther is planning to move his own grass roots — his wife and three sons — from Harrogate to London as soon as possible and, at 45, is relishing the change. "I woke up one morning and thought I don't want to do what I'm doing for the rest of my life. I need a new challenge and this job is certainly unique."

Crowther: negotiator

**CRICKET:** THIRD-WICKET PARTNERSHIP PAVES WAY FOR THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN

# Cullinan keeps South Africa ahead

By Our Sports Staff

A CENTURY by Darryll Cullinan helped South Africa to a 27-run victory over India to maintain their unbeaten run in the Titan Cup triangular one-day series at the Sawai Man Singh Stadium in Jaipur yesterday. Put into bat by Sachin Tendulkar, the India captain, South Africa scored 249 for six and then restricted India to 222 for seven from their 50 overs.

Having won all their three matches, South Africa lead the round-robin league with six points and will guarantee their place in the final on November 6 if they defeat Australia, still without a win from their two matches, in their next match at Faridabad tomorrow. India have one win from three matches.

South Africa, who lost Andrew Hudson with the score on five, were indebted to Cullinan, who scored 106 off 124 balls and enjoyed a 113-run third-wicket partnership with Hansie Cronje, the captain, who scored 58 from 73 balls. Cullinan was, unsurprisingly, named man of the match.

Gary Kirsten, who scored only 29, set a world record during the innings for the most one-day runs in a calendar year. The South Africa left-handed opening batsman beat the tally of 1,349 that Brian Lara, the West Indies vice-captain, scored in 1993. Kirsten has scored six one-day hundreds this year.

Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly, the left-handed batsman, made a solid yet relatively slow start for India, putting on 126 runs for the first wicket, but the India middle order failed to capitalise on their efforts.

Tendulkar was caught by Gary Kirsten at deep mid-on off the medium-paced bowling of Brian McMillan in the 31st over. With his next ball, McMillan had Rahul Dravid caught behind. The all-rounder finished with three for 32 from nine overs. Ganguly then lost his off stump to Allan Donald, and the India response was fatally undermined.

Mohammad Azharuddin waged a lone battle to keep India in the match, remaining unbeaten on 56, from 60 balls, but watched as four of his team-mates perished at the other end to a series of wild strokes in a vain effort to improve the run-rate.

"The bowlers did a great job in pegging down the Indian batsmen," Cronje said. "The Indian openers kept them in the game and we were beginning to get worried until Tendulkar got out. Cullinan played a gallant knock to enable us to post a fighting score."

Navjot Sidhu, the opening batsman who walked out of India's tour of England last summer, has been recalled for the remaining matches in the Titan Cup. He replaces Sujith Somasundar after completing a 50-day disciplinary ban imposed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on October 14.

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## Youngest Test player

HASAN RAZA, a batsman, will become the youngest Test player today if he makes the Pakistan XI against Zimbabwe in Faisalabad in the second and final match of the series.

The holder of the record is Mushtaq Mohammad, Pakistan's coach, who was 15 years and 124 days when he played against West Indies at Lahore 37 years ago.

Raza is expected to play in place of Shadab Kabir in the middle order, being preferred to Shahid Khan Afridi who sprang to fame earlier this month when he scored a century off 37 balls in a one-day international against Sri Lanka in Nairobi.

The Zimbabwe captain, Alistair Campbell, said yesterday that his team had gained in confidence following the successful rearguard action in the first Test at Sheikhupura, where they trailed by 178 runs on first innings.

Henry Olonga, a fast bowler, is returning home because of a groin strain but his replacement, John Rennie, will not arrive in time to be considered for the Test.

IN BRIEF

## Athens is new target for hopeful Gunnell

SALLY GUNNELL, the former Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion and world record-holder, may continue in athletics for two more years. Gunnell, 30, who almost quit the sport after limping out of the Olympic Games in Atlanta this summer with another Achilles injury, is to try to regain the world title in Athens next August.

"The next few months will tell me how things are progressing," Gunnell said. "If I get to the New Year and I'm fit and hurdling, then I'll gear up for another summer on the track. And if that goes well, who knows? I might go on for another year after that. I always thought I'd know when to retire, but it's a difficult decision to make. I want to have kids, so that too will be a deciding factor."

## Scotland qualify

**Hockey:** Scotland became the third Commonwealth country to qualify for the semi-finals in the women's World Cup preliminary round tournament in Port of Spain, Trinidad yesterday. They joined India and New Zealand after beating the group leaders, South Africa, 3-2, with two goals by Rhona Simpson and one by Susan Fraser. The fourth semi-final position rests between Japan and Belgium.

## King closes gap

**Motor rallying:** Richard King managed to shave only five seconds off the lead of Ari Vatanen, of Finland, during the longest day of the gruelling Hong Kong to Peking rally yesterday. King, in a Mitsubishi Lancer, who had held the lead until Tuesday, cut the gap to 1min 27sec. Vatanen is on course to become the first driver to win the event twice.

## Call for union

**Ice skating:** Christopher Dean, the former Great Britain Olympic ice dance champion, yesterday called for professional skaters to band together and form a union. "We think we have the right to our own championships and our own association that runs a series of events for the skaters," he said. "If we came together to form our own association and put rules together, I think we would be quite a strong force."

## Giant signing

**Basketball:** Manchester Giants have signed Sean McKie, 22, who spent two successful years with Sheffield Sharks before being released at the end of last season.

BOXING

# Schwer steps out in search of title bid

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

BILLY SCHWER tonight continues with his programme to re-establish himself as one of the world's leading lightweights. Another win against a good domestic opponent should help the former British and Commonwealth champion finally to put behind him the defeat ten months ago at the hands of David Tetteh, of Ghana.

He meets Alan Temple, of Hartlepool, at Brent town hall and should come through without mishap. Schwer does, however, have a tendency to cut. If he is forced to concede as a result of the bout being stopped through facial injury, it will be a blow to his world title hopes.

Schwer's first objective for next year is the European title, however, for which he is the leading contender. He sees that as a platform to strike for a second attempt at a world crown. "Temple is a southpaw who likes to counter," Schwer said. "After this, hopefully next year will be my year."

Temple is a good boxer who can punch and should provide lively opposition. The Hartlepool man has been preparing himself for his big chance. "We have watched tapes of Billy," Temple said. "I see this as my big chance. I'm up for this one. I've got nothing to lose." But Schwer should prove too strong and accurate for Temple and should win inside the distance.

On the undercard, Colin Dunne, the Southern Area lightweight champion, warms up for his challenge next month for the British crown held by the world-rated Michael Ayers, of Ealing. Dunne meets Guillaume Dibateza, of Zaire.

The choice is a good one, for Dibateza has taken Ayers the distance and, should Dunne manage to stop him, his confidence for the title bout would be greatly enhanced. But Dibateza is experienced and durable and will probably take Dunne the full eight rounds.

## TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Blackburn Rovers 0 Stockport County 1; Bolton Wanderers 2 Chelsea 1; Gillingham 2 Coventry City 2; Ipswich Town 4 Crystal Palace 1; Port Vale 0 Oxford United 0; Wimbledon 1 Luton Town 1; York City 0 Leicester City 2.

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Dunfermline Athletic 1 Rangers 6.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Spalding Cup: Stalybridge Celtic 2 Southport 1.

UEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match: Ireland 2 Denmark 2 (at Dalymount Park).

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First qualifying round replays: Moor Green 6 Atherton LR 1, Leigh RMI 1 Droylsden 3; Bilston 4 Alfreton 1; Gretna 1 Bedworth 4; Great Harwood 1 Tamworth 0; Workington 1 Witton 0, Cambridge City 6 Cirencester 5; Weymouth 7 Fareham 0; Walton and Hersham 1 Chesham 3, Leyton Pennant 2 Newport (IoW) 1; Witney 2 Marlow 1; Thame 1 Hendon 1.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth Spartans 1 Accrington Stanley 1; Chorley 0 Winsford 1; Colwyn Bay 1 Lancaster 1; Frickley 5 Spennymoor 2; Guiseley 2 Hyde 3; Leek 1 Runcorn 1; Marine 2 Bamber Bridge 0. First division: Congleton 1 Matlock Town 1; Curzon Ashton 1 Flixton 2; Eastwood Town 1 Worksop 1; Radcliffe 2 Harrogate Town 0; Stocksbridge PS 2 Whitley Bay 0.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland division; Postponed: Shepshed Dynamo v Moor Green.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Wednesfield 2 Ettingshall HI 0.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 2 Boreham Wood 0; St Albans 2 Dulwich 2; Yeovil 2 Yeading 0. First division: Aldershot Town 1 Hampton 1; Uxbridge 1 Bognor Regis 0. Second division: Dorking 2 Bracknell 1; Hemel Hempstead 0 Edgware 1; Horsham 3 Leighton 1; Leatherhead 4 Egham 0; Wivenhoe 0 Bedford Town 2. Third division: East Thurrock 4 Flackwell Heath 0; Wealdstone 3 Wingate and Finchley 2. Charity Shield: Hayes 4 Kingstonian 2.

LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: First round, second leg: Caersws 2 Inter Cable-Tel 4 (Cable-Tel win 7-4 on agg); Llansantffraid 2 Cemaes Bay 2 (Llansantffraid win 7-5 on agg).

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals: Bangor 0 Linfield 2; Omagh 2 Glenavon 3; Ballymena 0 Portadown 0 (aet; Ballymena won 3-1 on penalties); Glentoran 2 Crusaders 3 (aet; 2-2 after 90min).

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Semi-final: Galway 1 Athlone 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Manchester City 1 Hull 1; Rotherham 3 Bradford 1, Third division: Doncaster 3 Chesterfield 0.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corinthian Casuals 6 Raynes Park Vale 1; Godalming and Guildford 4 Cove 1. Postponed: Ash v Hartley Wintney.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Viking Sports 1 Sutton United 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Stratford 1 Barwell 2; Bridgnorth 0 Blakenall 3

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Paulton 0 Bridport 0. Postponed: Westbury v Elmore.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 0 Queens Park Rangers 3; Brighton 1 Arsenal 5

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham 1 Bury Town 4, Gorleston 0 Wroxham 1; Newmarket 3 Tiptree 2. Postponed: Sudbury v Clacton

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington 2 Downton 0; Gosport 3 BAT 1 Postponed: Thatcham v Ryde Sports

LONDON FA CUP: First round: Tooting and Mitcham 3 Erith and Belvedere 0

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Senior Cup: Group D: Barkingside 2 Islington St Mary's 0; Brimsdown 3 Haringey 2

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers premier division Cup: Royston 0 Harpenden 1; Letchworth 1 London Colney 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 2 Saltdean 2; Portfield 0 Pagham 2

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian 0 Greenwich 1; Thamesmead 0 Cray 2; Tunbridge Wells 0 Herne Bay 1; Whitstable 2 Crockenhill 0

SCHOOLS MATCH: FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Lancashire 2 Merseyside 1.

MUSCAT: Gulf Cup: United Arab Emirates 2 Kuwait 1

DUTCH LEAGUE: Utrecht 0 Willem II Tilburg 0

GERMAN CUP: Karlsruhe Amateurs 0 VfL Bochum 1; Munich 1860 1 SV Hamburg 2; St Pauli 1 Unterhaching [illegible] SC Freiburg 2 Meppen 1

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Zaragoza 1 Real Madrid 2.

GERMAN CUP: Third round: Energie Cottbus 2 Duisburg 2 (aet; Cottbus won 5-4 on pens)

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GOLF

# Order placed by Montgomerie ensures fourth title

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN VALDERRAMA

THE Volvo Masters, the last professional event of the season in Europe, takes place in an atmosphere of studied excitement, with the contestants for the Order of Merit struggling with one another and with every roll of the ball on the testing Valderrama course until the final stroke of the fourth round. That, at least, was how it was in 1995, when Colin Montgomerie only made sure of his third Order of Merit title with his last putt of the tournament.

This year things are neither so exciting nor so well-ordered. First, Montgomerie made sure of a record-equalling fourth consecutive Order of Merit three weeks ago, when he finished fourth in the German Masters and Ian Woosnam, his nearest challenger, missed the cut. For Montgomerie, then, the event this year at the course that will stage the Ryder Cup next year is something of a victory lap.

"Of course, I am more relaxed this year than I was last year and it is going to be easier this year than last year," Montgomerie said. "But, at the back of my mind, I would like to perform. Two years ago, I was in the last group on Sunday with Severiano Ballesteros. I would like to be somewhere like that again this year."

But for Robert Allenby, the event is a farce. After a bumper season during which he has won three events, the Australian lies third in the Order of Merit and wants to make sure of qualifying for the bonus money on offer to the leading 15 players at this tournament.

This money is added to his official earnings and thus will affect his position in the Order of Merit. And this, in turn, may determine his chances of receiving an invitation to compete in the Masters next year.

However, Allenby fractured his sternum in a car accident in September and has been recuperating at home in Melbourne. He is unable to play golf now and is a doubtful starter for the Australian Open in one month.

Nevertheless, the PGA European Tour tournament committee has ruled that, for Allenby to receive his bonus money, he must at least start in this tournament. Thus the Australian has made a 27-hour journey from Melbourne to Spain, arriving last night.

In front of photographers, a television news crew from an Australian network and interested spectators, Allenby will tee off at 8.50 this morning with David Howell in the first pairing of the day.

Whether he uses a putter, takes a swing and has an air-shot or hits a full drive is immaterial. The fact is that, by attempting to hit one stroke, Allenby will have satisfied the tournament rules and thus be eligible for his bonus money.

Though Wayne Riley, an Australian and the present Portuguese Open champion, said "rules are rules", other Australians are horrified that Allenby has had to make such a long journey. "There is a rule of golf called equity," Rodger Davis said.

"It is rarely used by a tournament director but he can use that rule if it suits him to do so. I believe Robert should not have had to make the trip.

"He has played fantastic all year. I think the players here in Spain believe his money should count on the Order of Merit."

Montgomerie said that he would be prepared for the bonus money to be added to the tournament prize fund, which means that he might be denying himself the £150,000 that he will receive once he has made his first stroke in this tournament.

"This is a bonus paid to people to play in this tournament," he said. "If you are not fit to compete, then you are not fit to compete. To me the relevant words are competing in the tournament. To me Robert is not competing."

# Woods tops the bill at Tour Championship

NICK FALDO was shadowed by an armed bodyguard when he played in the US Tour Championship in Tulsa a year ago — but now he willingly concedes the spotlight to the latest phenomenon in American golf (a correspondent writes).

Faldo is hopeful of completing the official 1996 American season with a victory worth $540,000 (around £342,000), but it is the presence of Tiger Woods rather than the other leading 28 players in the US rankings that has guaranteed a sell-out crowd at the Southern Hills course.

Woods, who won the US amateur title for the third successive time in August, has made an exceptional start to his professional career with two victories in as many months and almost $750,000 in prize-money. He is being hailed as the greatest asset to American golf since Arnold Palmer arrived on the scene 40 years ago.

Faldo said: "Tiger has done nicely in the last couple of months. The key to his two wins has been his tremendous length from the tee. But now he has to sustain his momentum, and this course is more about accuracy."

After leaping to fourteenth in the United States Ryder Cup rankings, Woods said: "I have come here to win. That is the way I have approached every tournament in my career and I see no reason to change it. I may be up against the best players in the world on a difficult golf course, but when you break it down, the lowest score wins, whoever is in the field."

NEWS TEAM

Dave Pavior gets the Electrical Review team's round under way during the West Midlands regional final on the Arden Course yesterday

# Initial sortie pays dividends for ZET

BY MEL WEBB

NO ARMY ever won a war without advance planning: a bit of intelligent reconnaissance never goes amiss, either, in the gentler world of golf. Anybody searching for proof would need to look no further than the battle-plan of the winners of the West Midlands regional final of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge yesterday.

Three members of the team representing ZET Insurance Services, a Birmingham-based firm of insurance brokers, played the Arden Course at The Forest of Arden on Tuesday, and scored 83 Stableford points. Yesterday, armed with the lessons learnt from that experience, they went seven points better to claim their place in the national final, at La Manga in Spain, in November.

World Design & Trade were second, six points behind, with Lawson Mardon Star, national finalists last year, third, a further point astern.

Costas Constantinou, the only employee of ZET playing — Mark Morgan, David Lait and Allan Jones, the other three members of the team, are all clients — was joined by Morgan and Jones on their spying mission, and all were quick to acknowledge the part that the round had played in their victory. "You have to know where to hit your tee-shot on this course, more than on some others, and yesterday was no end of help," Morgan said.

They were also able to point the way to Lait, who was kept away from the dress rehearsal by business calls. "I wouldn't have known where to go at times without their help," he said. The team's game-plan was simple — keep plugging away, no matter how unlikely a score seemed, and aim for five points a hole. Their score of 90 was right on the button.

They made a more than respectable start, scoring a five and three sixes in their first four holes. They were brought to earth with a four on the 5th, but 16 points on the next three put them well ahead of their target.

Then came the 9th, and for the first time real doubt crept into their minds. They scored only two points, Jones going into the trees and Morgan disappearing twice in the same direction. Constantinou also failed to score, and in the end it was left to Lait to salvage a small measure of respectability when he sank a 12-foot downhill putt for a gross par five, which with his shot gave him a four for two points.

Still, they had 45 to the turn — "We would have happily settled for that before we started," Constantinou said — and all was far from lost. The team continued to wobble on the 10th and 11th, but the ship was steadied after that, and the high spot of their round came on the 399-yard 16th, where they scored seven points.

Jones hit a drive and a nine-iron in to six feet and made the net eagle putt for four points. Lait split the fairway, then put a six-iron in to 25 feet. Two putts later he was in for a net birdie three and three points. They did not know it at the time, but victory was already firmly in their grasp.

**SCORES:** 90: ZET Insurance Services Ltd. 84: World Design & Trade Ltd. 83: Lawson Mardon Star Ltd. 82: The National Grid Company plc. 80: Barclays Bank. 79: A C Lloyd (Builders) Ltd; Avon Insurance, Measure-Rite Ltd. Next plc. 78: Brunel UK Ltd. Shire Leasing plc. The Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Accustafoam Group. 77: DFDS Transport Ltd. 74: Harte Shop Equipment Ltd. 72: Association of Independent Tobacco Specialists. Electrical Review; Telford Police. Service Tec International Ltd. 71: Trade Indemnity-Heller Commercial Finance. 69: Northern Friends of ARMS. 68: Wooden Spoon Society (Midlands). 66: Carpet & Flooring (Midlands). Interlacc Europa Ltd. Bass Taverns Ltd.

SNOOKER: BOOKMAKER DEFIES THE ODDS TO DEFEAT DAVIS IN GRAND PRIX

# Henderson checks in for quarter-final

BY PHIL YATES

EUAN HENDERSON clearly finds the bracing South Coast air agreeable. In February 1995, he figured in the quarter-finals of the International Open at Bournemouth; yesterday, at the same venue, he reached the corresponding stage of the Grand Prix.

Henderson, the world No 62, defeated Anthony Hamilton 5-3. It was a studious, patient display by the former electronics student from Glenrothes, whose first task each day is to digest the chess wisdom of Raymond Keene in *The Times*. Another reflection of the Scot's character can be found in the way he approaches the game.

He refuses to be hurried and thinks deeply about the majority of shots. This unshakeable rhythm was in evidence yesterday as he methodically compiled breaks of 68, 53, 57, 52 and, in the closing frame, 83.

Henderson lost 5-1 to John Higgins on his previous quarter-final appearance and should the world No 2 overcome Tony Jones as expected, these compatriots will be thrown together in a rematch, which Henderson firmly believes he can win.

When a bookmaker who had practised for two hours in total during the six weeks leading up to the event met a six-times world and United Kingdom champion enjoying his most effective spell of form for some time, there could only have been one result — Mark Bennett beat Steve Davis 5-3.

As a result of his surprise victory, in a match that finished close to midnight on Tuesday, Bennett will play Tony Drago, of Malta, in the quarter-finals this afternoon.

Bennett, who caused an upset by beating Peter Ebdon in the opening round, is a walking advertisement for the benefit of relaxation. Since purchasing a betting office in Newport two years ago, he has not been forced to rely on snooker as his sole source of income.

In eliminating Davis, Bennett again demonstrated that a contented mind is more important to him than conventional preparation.

James Wattana stands between John Parrott and the semi-finals after the Thai's 5-2 victory over Billy Snaddon in a contest littered with mistakes.

**RESULTS:** Third round: M Bennett (Wales) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-3. E Henderson (Scot) bt A Hamilton (Eng) 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) bt B Snaddon (Scot) 5-2

## FOR THE RECORD

### BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES: New York 5 Atlanta 2 (Atlanta lead best-of-seven series 2-1)

### CRICKET

One-day international
India v South Africa

JAIPUR (India won toss): South Africa beat India by 27 runs

SOUTH AFRICA

| | |
|---|---|
| A C Hudson lbw b Prasad | 5 |
| G Kirsten c Joshi b Kumble | 29 |
| D J Cullinan st Mongia b Kumble | 106 |
| *W J Cronje c and b Joshi | 58 |
| J N Rhodes lbw b Jadeja | 4 |
| D N Crookes lbw b Jadeja | 10 |
| B M McMillan not out | 19 |
| †D J Richardson not out | 8 |
| Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 3) | 10 |
| Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) | 249 |

P L Symcox, P S de Villiers and A A Donald did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-55, 3-168, 4-180, 5-204, 6-232

BOWLING: Srinath 10-0-45-0, Prasad 9-0-42-1, Kumble 10-0-49-2, Joshi 10-0-41-1, Tendulkar 3-0-22-0, Jadeja 8-0-47-2

INDIA

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|---|---|
| S C Ganguly b Donald | 54 |
| *S R Tendulkar c Kirsten b McMillan | 64 |
| R S Dravid c Richardson b McMillan | 0 |
| M Azharuddin not out | 56 |
| J Srinath b [illegible] | 4 |
| A D Jadeja b McMillan | 10 |
| P Dharmani b de Villiers | 8 |
| A Kumble b Donald | 1 |
| †N R Mongia not out | 8 |
| Extras (lb 8, w 9) | 17 |
| Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) | 222 |

S Joshi and B K V Prasad did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-126, 2-126, 3-148, 4-153, 5-191, 6-207, 7-208

BOWLING: de Villiers 10-2-28-1; McMillan 9-1-32-3; Donald 10-0-49-2; Symcox 10-0-38-1, Crookes 4-0-32-0, Cronje 7-0-35-0

Man of the match: D J Cullinan

Umpires: J Kurushinkal (India) and S Chaudhury (India)

### FOOTBALL

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: First-round draw: Elgin v Whitehill Welfare; Albion Rovers v Forfar, Alloa v Hawick; Huntly v Clyde

☐ Ties to be played on December 7

SECOND-ROUND DRAW: Stranraer v Inverness Caledonian Thistle; Ross County v Montrose, Spartans v Arbroath, Berwick v Peterhead, Queens Park v Gala; Elgin or Whitehill v Queen of the South, Brechin v Livingston, East Stirling v Brora; Stenhousemuir v Hamilton; Ayr v Huntly or Clyde, Cowdenbeath v Dumbarton; Albion Rovers or Forfar v Alloa or Hawick.

☐ Ties to be played on January 4

### GOLF

EUROPEAN TOUR PRE-QUALIFYING SCHOOL: Leading first-round scores: Emporda: 65: B Ingleby (Eng). 66: C Clark (Ire), * R Gonzalez (Sp). 67: J Lee (Wales). 68: N Turley (Eng), A Wall (Eng). 69: F Lundgren (Swe), F Orest (Swe). 70: F Amalrein (Sp), W Bennett (Eng), J Carvill (N Ire), M Dove (Eng), M Higley (Eng), C Hostadius (Swe), P Jenkinson (Eng), D MacPherson (Eng), S Mattson (Swe), T Munoz (Sp), S Renfrow (Eng), S Vale (Eng), P Edmond (Fr), B Sutterfield (US). Pals: 67: B Marchbank (Scot). 70: R Fulford (Eng), A Gillner (Swe). 71: C O'Carroll (N Ire), E Boult (NZ), A Clapp (Eng), C Bentans (Eng), P Magnebrant (Swe), N Cheetham (Eng), M Persson (Swe). Panoramica: 65: D R Jones (Eng). 67: * J Revinego (Sp), J Carriles (Sp). 68: M Scholz (SA), M Pyatt (Eng). 69: N Ludwell (Eng), N Johnson (Swe). 70: A McKenzie (Eng), W Druian (SA), C Gustin (US), G Berefaldi (It), T Spence (Eng), P Parkin (Wales), M Kranz (Austria), * R Derksen (Holl). Peralada: 68: C Bovet (Switz), P Nyberg (Swe). 69: J Thuen (Den), G Nicklaus (US). 70: A Bjorkstedt (Swe), S Hamill (N Ire), C Ronald (Scot), A Prat (Sp), S Hurd (Eng), L Navarro (Sp), * J Rosille (Sp), F de Pablo (Sp), J Kule (Fr), S Callan (Scot). St Cyprien: 68: G Sherry (Scot), G Augren (Swe). 69: D Dunakey (US). 70: B Telleria (Fr), M Gankvist (Swe), T Levet (Fr). 71: T Bravard (Fr), E Gelardi (Fr), M Ure (Eng), J Murray (Ire), R Gregan (Scot), O Edmond (Fr). * denotes amateur

### HOCKEY

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: Women's World Cup: Preliminary qualifying tournament: Pool A: Jamaica 2 Trinidad and Tobago 1; Italy 0 Scotland 0; India 0 South Africa 2. Pool B: Cuba 0 Japan 3

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Islanders 3 Tampa Bay 6; Philadelphia 3 Anaheim 0; Toronto 4 San Jose 3, Calgary 5 Colorado 1, Edmonton 5 Pittsburgh 2; Phoenix 1 St Louis 2.

### RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Wales Youth South and West 34 Canada Under-19 10.

### TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: S Sargsian (Arm) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 7-5, 6-3; S Lareau (Can) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 7-5, 6-0; A Berasategui (Sp) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 7-5, 7-5. Second round: J Courier (US) bt B Ulihrach (Cz) 7-6, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt A Costa (Sp) 7-6, 7-6. J Siemerink (Holl) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Woodforde (Aus) bt T Muster (Austria) 3-6, 6-1, 3-0 ret; F Mantilla (Sp) bt M Rosset (Switz) 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt S Edberg (Swe) 7-6, 6-3; B Becker (Ger) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-4, 6-4; R Furlan (It) bt M Washington (US) 6-4, 7-5; P Sampras (US) bt S Sargsian (Arm) 6-3, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt W Ferreira (SA) 6-3, 7-5

LUXEMBOURG: Women's tournament: First round: K Boogert (Holl) bt M L Serna (Sp) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, N Zvereva (Bela) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-2, 6-0; K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt E Wagner (Ger) 1-6, 7-5, 7-6, A-G Sidot (Fr) bt J Halard-Decugis (Fr) 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; B Schett (Austria) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 7-6, 6-3; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 7-6, 6-1, S Appelmans (Bel) bt S Dopfer (Austria) 6-1, 7-6

QUEBEC: Women's tournament: First round: A Frazier (US) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) 6-3, 6-2, L Raymond (US) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, F Labat (Arg) bt A Lettiere (US) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; J Nejedly (Can) bt L Lee (US) 6-2, 6-3; P Hy-Boulais (Can) bt C Popescu (Can) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; E Callens (Bel) bt N Feber (Bel) 6-3, 6-4, C Graham (US) bt M Drake (Can) 6-3, 6-2; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt R Stubbs (Aus) 6-3, 7-5, K Po (US) bt C Moraru (US) 6-2, 6-0; J Watanabe (US) bt N Miyagi (Japan) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, K Adams (US) bt J Ingram (US) 7-6, 6-3; T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt T Krizan (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-4. A Miller (US) bt P Suarez (Arg) 6-0, 7-6, H Inoue (Japan) bt S Jeyaseelan (Can) 6-4, 6-2.

### WINDSURFING

SCHEVENINGEN, Holland: World Tour final (placings after four days): Men: 1, B Dunkerbeck (Sp). 2, P McGain (Aus). 3, M Buzianis (US). Women: 1, A Höppner (Ger). 2 A Sensini (It). 3, N LeLievre (Fr)

### POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 24pts £638.25. 23 £14.00, 22 £1.45. Half-times: 24pts £250,000. Four draws: £2.60. Ten homes: £930. Five aways: £102.65.

VERNONS: Treble chance: 24pts £145.55. 23 £6.15. Super Shots £207. Premier 10 (paid on 7 correct) £203.60

ZETTERS: Treble chance: 24pts £36.65. 23 £1.45. Two dividends only — see rule 9 (a). First eight: 16pts £1,888.05. 15 £58.30. 14 £9.75. Four aways: £20.20. Eight homes: £16.00. Four draws: £3.10. Super seven: £60.60. Lucky numbers: 8 4 31 26 10 6

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham Forest v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0), Oldham v Everton (7.0). First division: Coventry v Sunderland (7.0)

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Yeovil v Eastleigh.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: London Cup: Middlesex v Buckinghamshire (at Hounslow, 2.0). Surrey v Essex (at Ewell, 11.0). Inter-County: Under-19: Nottinghamshire v West Yorkshire (at Wollaton FC, 3.0). Inter-Association: Kirkby Knowsley v Leeds (at Sports Centre, 10.30).

### OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leopards v Crystal Palace (7.0).

BOXING: Lightweight: Billy Schwer (Luton) v Alan Temple (Hartlepool) (at Brent Town Hall)

SNOOKER: Grand Prix (at Bournemouth)

SPEEDWAY: Individual: 16 Lapper Marathon (at Ipswich, 7.30)

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## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

*There are good players at all stakes at TGR's. This was a hand played by Brian Jackson in the £10 game. Its theme is similar to that in yesterday's article.*

**Dealer North** **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

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                ♠ A 7 4 3
                ♥ —
                ♦ K 7 6 2
                ♣ A K 7 6 3
♠ 6                             ♠ K 10 9 8
♥ J 9 6 5           N           ♥ A 10 8 7 4 2
♦ A 10 9 3        W   E         ♦ 8 5
♣ J 10 9 4          S           ♣ 5
                ♠ Q J 5 2
                ♥ K Q 3
                ♦ Q J 4
                ♣ Q 8 2
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| W | N | E | S |
|---|---|---|---|
| — | 1 C | 1 H | 3 NT |
| Double | All Pass | | |

**Contract: 3 NT Doubled, by South. Lead: five of hearts**

West doubled 3 NT as he had control of both clubs and diamonds, and had a good hand. Even so, it was a dubious action as it gave Jackson (South) the clue to the winning line.

Declarer discarded a spade from dummy on the opening lead. East won with the ace and continued a heart. Now declarer could afford to discard a club from dummy — if the clubs broke 3-2 he would need only four tricks in the suit. Without the double the best play would be to go to dummy with a club and play a diamond, hoping East had the ace. Then if the queen of diamonds held, declarer could repeat the play; East could not rise without giving declarer three diamond tricks, so after taking two diamond tricks declarer could switch to spades. Here that would fail: West wins the first diamond and clears hearts, and East eventually gets in with the king of spades to beat the contract.

After the double declarer could place one of the two critical cards (ace of diamonds or king of spades) with West, so he started by leading a low diamond towards the king. If East had the ace, then the spade finesse would surely work. West had to duck the diamond, as rising would give South his ninth trick. Now declarer switched to spades, making three tricks in that suit to go with two hearts, a diamond and three clubs.

☐ The Great Britain Open team suffered a setback on Tuesday at the Olympiad in Rhodes, losing 22-8 to Slovenia. They recovered well with a 25-5 win over Mexico, and yesterday they beat Australia 16-14; their 17-13 win over Finland leaves them eighth. The ladies' team is fighting back: four wins over Monaco, Denmark, Morocco and Venezuela leave them seventh.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WORD-WATCHING

*By Philip Howard*

DEANESS
a. A Lady Dean
b. Deafness or surdity
c. To behead

EXPISCATORY
a. Making excuses
b. Forgiving
c. Inquisitive

DIPSAS
a. The double Psi
b. A thirst-making serpent
c. A twin-eared Greek pot

DIMANE
a. With both hands
b. Tomorrow
c. To flow out

**Answers on page 46**

## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Owens Corning

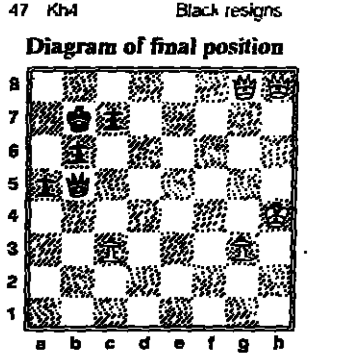
With two rounds to go in the Owens Corning grandmaster tournament in Wrexham, now established as the second strongest grandmaster all-play-all tournament in the UK, Chris Ward, the reigning British champion, is in the lead with 5½ out of seven. Nigel Davies, the Welsh grandmaster, is in second place with five.

**White:** Ward
**Black:** Hartman
Owens Corning, Wrexham
October 1996

**Queen's Gambit Accepted**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | d4 | d5 |
| 2 | c4 | dxc4 |
| 3 | e4 | Nc6 |
| 4 | Nf3 | Bg4 |
| 5 | Bxc4 | e6 |
| 6 | d5 | exd5 |
| 7 | Bxd5 | Qd7 |
| 8 | Qb3 | 0-0-0 |
| 9 | 0-0 | Bxf3 |
| 10 | Qxf3 | Nf6 |
| 11 | Bg5 | Nd4 |
| 12 | Qd1 | Bc5 |
| 13 | Nc3 | Ne6 |
| 14 | Bxf6 | gxf6 |
| 15 | Qh5 | Nf4 |
| 16 | Qf3 | Nxd5 |
| 17 | Rfd1 | f5 |
| 18 | Rxd5 | fxe4 |
| 19 | Qxe4 | Bd6 |
| 20 | Rad1 | Rhe8 |
| 21 | Qf3 | Qe6 |
| 22 | g3 | Be5 |
| 23 | Rxd8+ | Rxd8 |
| 24 | Rxd8+ | Kxd8 |
| 25 | Qd3+ | Kc8 |
| 26 | Qxh7 | Bxc3 |
| 27 | bxc3 | Qxa2 |
| 28 | h4 | Qe6 |
| 29 | h5 | a5 |
| 30 | h6 | b6 |
| 31 | Qg8+ | Kb7 |
| 32 | h7 | Qe1+ |
| 33 | Kg2 | Qe4+ |
| 34 | Kh2 | Qf5 |
| 35 | h8Q | Qxf2+ |
| 36 | Kh3 | Qf1+ |
| 37 | Kh4 | Qh1+ |
| 38 | Kg5 | Qd5+ |
| 39 | Kh4 | Qh1+ |
| 40 | Kg5 | Qd5+ |
| 41 | Kf6 | Qe6+ |
| 42 | Kg7 | Qg6+ |
| 43 | Kf8 | Qd6+ |
| 44 | Kxf7 | Qd5+ |
| 45 | Kf6 | Qc6+ |
| 46 | Kg5 | Qb5+ |
| 47 | Kh4 | Black resigns |

**Diagram of final position**



### Coulsdon

After three rounds of the international master tournament in Coulsdon, Johan van Mil leads with three points, ahead of Tim Wall on 2½.

### Tilburg

In the Fontys elite tournament in Tilburg, Holland, Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, and Judith Polgar, the top female player, appear to be heading for the worst results of their careers. With one round to go, Boris Gelfand, of Belarus, has 6½ out of ten; Michael Adams, of Great Britain, 5½; Karpov shares seventh place with 4½ and Polgar is last with 3½.

### Times book

*The Times Winning Moves 2* contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

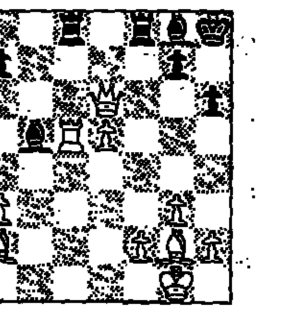
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene*

White to play. This position is from the game Burzlaff — Stark, Oschatz 1958. In this game White has opted for a flank (fianchetto) development of both bishops. The advantage of this is that the bishops can, in the right circumstances, operate powerfully on their long diagonals. How did White prove this here in fine style?

**Solution on page 46**



# Decision time for Spain's big wheel

Miguel Induráin must think it is his birthday. He has just been offered $10 million (£6.29 million) to spend three weeks on a bike next summer. The Spanish cyclist, reckoned by many to be the greatest endurance athlete on the planet, won the Tour de France five times in a row. Now he is being tempted by the ONCE professional team to attempt a record sixth win next year. As well as the bags of money on offer, the ONCE team is also said to be promising to bring in the French rider, Laurent Jalabert, and Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, to help him to secure victory.

Induráin is by far Spain's greatest sporting hero — way ahead of Severiano Ballesteros, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario or any of half a dozen footballers. A recent poll showed that his countrymen think that Induráin is the most accomplished Spanish sportsman of all time, and only King Juan Carlos and Crown Prince Felipe are better-loved in Spain.

BRYANT'S EYE

For the past decade or so, he has celebrated his birthday each July in style — crouched over the handlebars as he stamped his legend all over the world's greatest cycle race. But each passing birthday makes life tougher for any champion athlete, and this year his birthday was not so happy. The unthinkable happened and he came unstuck.

As the Tour wound its way into Spain and into his home territory of Pamplona, it became apparent that the man-machine who had made this race his own was about to be defeated by a balding Dane called Bjarne Riis — who himself looks just a few birthdays short of a pension.

But even though he was beaten, the loyal Spanish public still gave him a hero's welcome. They still clapped, still called his name, still waved their banners, still wrote on the road.

"Thanks Miguel" they scrawled. "Five Tours — it is enough". "Five Tours. Six Tours? What does it matter?" asked a banner. "Miguel you are still a champion." Such worship is hardly surprising. Induràin is a marvel of power and endurance. In Spain "Big Mig" is also nicknamed "The Man from Outerspace" and "The Perfect Machine".

Induráin, a physiological as well as a cycling marvel, found age catching up with him last summer

His secret weapon is a metabolism that is probably superior to any other athlete in sport. He has the resting pulse of a hibernating bear. Your heart rate is a fairly good gauge of how fit you are and, at rest, Induráin's pulse bumps along at only 28 beats a minute.

Even when he is flat out, his heart-rate seems superhuman. It peaks at around 150, and a glimpse of the pulse monitor carried on the handlebars of his bike strikes terror into the riders who slog alongside him. They can be pedalling like pistons in the mountains but Big Mig's heart will be ticking quietly away at 120.

His lung capacity, too, is huge — a third above average — and his height (6ft 2in) and weight (12st 7lb) are unusual in cycle racing. One theory has it that he has exceptionally long thigh bones that give him extra leverage for pedalling. Sabino Padilla, his doctor and physiologist, monitors him constantly, regularly taking blood from his ear, which is tested on a lactate machine that travels everywhere with him.

Padilla, who also coaches Spain's marathon champion, Martin Fiz, says that Induráin "has taught his body to defy oxygen debt and metabolise lactic acid. Because he has such a low heart-rate, he can work harder and longer than others at lower rates."

After this year's Tour, even this superman was tired. Those years in the saddle had at last caught up with him. The strain of top-class cycle road racing is unimaginable and he should have withdrawn his exhausted body to recover quietly with his wife, Marisa, and their son, Miguel.

Spain would not let her hero rest, though. They thought he might make amends in the Olympic Games in Atlanta, which, pleading his exhaustion, he wanted to miss. Some big Spanish fans helped change his mind — King Juan Carlos and Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Spaniard who heads the International Olympic Committee, were wheeled out to twist his arm.

Induráin took his bike to the time-trial in Atlanta, and came away with the gold. As he crossed the finishing line, the King was waiting to congratulate him on an open phone line from Spain.

Back in his homeland, even though he dropped out of the *Vuelta*, the Tour of Spain, Induráin is still the hero and role model. Politicians point to him as an example of dedication and achievement to the young, and they talk enthusiastically of the Induráinisation of Spain, of a generation inspired by his exploits and laid-back modesty.

Everywhere in Spain, though, they ask the big question: will he retire? Can his medical team get him up for one more Tour win? Could the magic work one more time?

For Induráin, the $10 million offer may complicate the issue. He may be too proud to quit when he is no longer at the top. But even with his apparently indestructible body, he must realise that age is the ultimate condition from which no athlete can ever recover. The physios can do much to keep the legs ticking over, but they cannot turn back the hands on the clock.

Tomorrow the schedule is released for next year's Tour de France. Induráin will soon have to decide if he will be there, sweating it out in the saddle, on July 16. For $10 million or not, another Tour means another birthday. And at 33, even for Big Mig, that may be a birthday too far.

JOHN BRYANT

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

**DEANESS**

**(a) A woman who is head of a female chapter, from the Latin *decāna*, French *doyenne*. Sterne, *Tristram Shandy*, 1759: "The Abbess of Quedlingberg with the four great dignitaries of her Chapter, the prioress, the deaness, the sub-chanress, and senior canoness."**

**EXPISCATORY**

**(c) Tending to expiscate, ie fish out. From the Latin *ex* out + *piscāri* to fish out, hence to find out by scrutiny. Carlyle (who else?): "By expiscatory questions this most involute of Lies is finally winded off."**

**DIPSAS**

**(b) A serpent whose bite was fabled to produce a raging thirst. From the Greek *dipsas* just such a nasty snake, taking its name from *dipsa* thirst. "A dipsas is a worm accurst, / From whose bite follows raging thirst."**

**DIMANE**

**(c) To flow forth from, to spring, originate or derive its origin from. From the Latin *dīmānāre* to flow in different ways, *dis* apart + *mānāre* to flow. "By the Right of Warre, and by the consent of the people, which two Titles dimane also from the Divine providence."**

### SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qxh6+! gxh6 2 e6+ Kh7 3 Be4+ and mate follows.

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**SAILING:** GROUP 4 REMAINS ON COURSE TO WIN FIRST LEG OF CHALLENGE

# Blyth chases replacement doctor

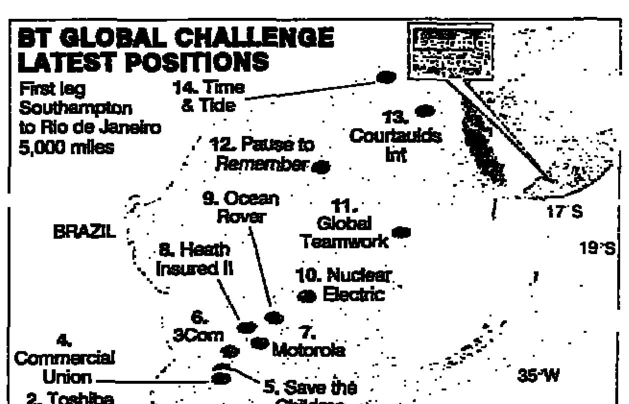
From Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent
in Rio de Janeiro

CHAY BLYTH has launched an emergency search for a sailor with medical training to join one of the 14 BT Global Challenge yachts when the second and toughest leg of the race starts in just under a month's time, after a doctor on *Courtaulds International* decided to withdraw yesterday.

Pat Redman, 28, from London, has been struggling with seasickness throughout the first leg and reluctantly made the decision that she could not face the ordeal of going round Cape Horn and then taking on the Southern Ocean all the way to Wellington, a journey that is expected to take up to 40 days.

This has left Blyth with an urgent need for a replacement, to ensure that every boat has a medically-qualified person among its crew. As he prepared to fly out here to welcome the first boats in — they are expected in the early hours of tomorrow morning — he appealed for a volunteer who could be available by the middle of next month.

"We are looking for a replacement crew volunteer who has sailing experience and medical training to join the race from Rio de Janeiro," he said. "The person must be between 21 and 60 and be able to respond to this short-notice call." It was not immediately clear whether the volunteer would also be expected to pay the £6,800 fee for the Southern Ocean leg.



MILES TO RIO DE JANEIRO: 1, Group 4 (252); 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior (307); 3, Concert (325); 4, Commercial Union (397); 5, Save The Children (397); 6, 3Com (428); 7, Motorola (442); 8, Heath Insured II (461); 9, Ocean Rover (471); 10, Nuclear Electric (512); 11, Global Teamwork (605); 12, Pause To Remember (716); 13, Courtaulds Int (800); 14, Time & Tide (857).

The yachts are making slow progress towards the finish in sweltering temperatures and lightish winds. Mike Golding on *Group 4* is still the comfortable leader, with a margin of 53 miles over Simon Walker on *Toshiba Wave Warrior*. Chris Tibbs on *Concert* is still in third place, 16 miles further back.

A desperately tight match race, meanwhile, is enlivening the battle for fourth position between *Commercial Union*, skippered by Richard Merriweather, and *Save the Children*, under Andy Hindley, which has made its way up the field from a position of tenth place over the last 13 days.

On present form, the computer is predicting that the two boats will cross the finish line off Rio within a minute of each other.

**TABLE TENNIS**

# Ahlen gives England timely boost

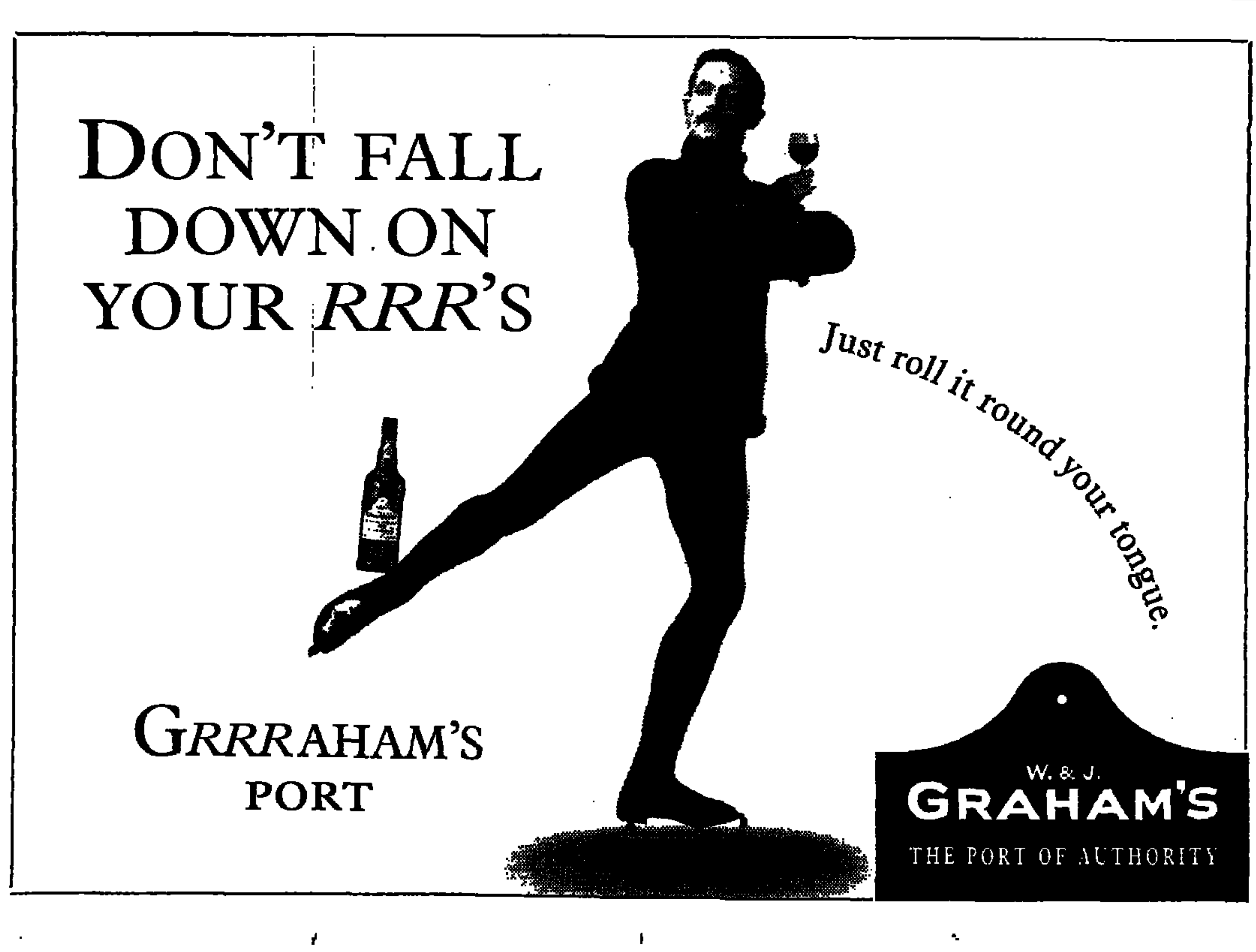
By Richard Eaton

ENGLAND'S attempt to regain its status as a leading table tennis nation has brought one of the world's best-known coaches to this country. Soren Ahlen, part of the Sweden set-up that won the world team championship in 1989 and the head coach of the men's squad that regained the European title for the Scandinavians in Bratislava in May, will start as the England national men's team coach in two weeks' time.

Ahlen, 40, will begin his contract with the English Table Tennis Association by working for 60 days between now and the world championships in May, coaching at European league matches, certain tournaments and England training camps.

He would then become a leading candidate to fill a position of overall control that could be created if National Lottery and Sports Council funding is made available.

The appointment ends a spell of uncertainty in which a series of different people coached or managed the England team last season.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RADIO CHOICE

# Seen through others' eyes

**The Piano Tuner's Wives.** *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

I can guarantee that you won't hear many plays in these last months of 1996 that are as delicately balanced as this one by William Trevor. The setting is Co Cork. A widower (Denys Hawthorne, surely one of the best actors Ireland has produced) marries for the second time. He is blind, and his blindness is the pivot on which the play turns. The 40 years he spent married to his first wife (Marcella Riordan) left indelible images on his mind of the world she painted for him. His second wife (Kate Binchy) is his new eyes, but the images they project on to him are at odds with the old ones. Inevitably and unknowingly, she damages his memories. David Hitchinson has sensitively directed a play that is a credit to both Radio 4 and the World Service who combined forces to create it.

**The Hearts and Lives of Men.** *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

For reasons that I trust will be explained in the weeks ahead, Fay Weldon's adaptation of her novel is introduced by a girl who sounds as if she can't be any older than six. Is it because Weldon, wearing her narrator's hat, defines the serial as a fairy-tale for adults and accordingly puts on her "Once upon a time" voice? Or is it because the little girl turns out to be one of the lovers' offsprings Weldon refers to in her script? Her witty tale is set in the Beatles' Swinging Sixties, an era she accurately describes as "dinner — with no washing up".

**Peter Davalle**

### RADIO 1

**6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Soundbite, with Danny Kelly **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **4.00am** Clive Warren, with the Early Breakfast Show

### RADIO 2

**6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Kate Adie **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gospel Train **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Adrian Finighan **3.00** Alex Lester

### RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.00am** Morning Reports, incl at **6.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Brian Hayes **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** On the Line **8.05** Inside Edge. A look inside the week's sporting headlines with Rob Bonnet **9.05** SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd **9.35** America Graffiti. Stories and events from across America, with Jonathan Freedland **10.05** News Talk, with Paul Reynolds **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call **2.05** Up All Night

### TALK RADIO

**5.00am** Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour
**5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sport **8.15** *Off the Shelf* **8.30** Network UK **9.10** Composer of the Month **9.55** Health Matters **10.05** Business **10.15** Sport, *International* **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Islam, Faith and Power **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.05** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** Islam, Faith and Power **9.05** *Outlook* **9.25** *Words of Faith* **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Soundbyte **12.30** Bhangra Beat **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** *Outlook* **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Thirty-Minute Drama **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

### CLASSIC FM

**4.00am** Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Barry Took **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor, Op23) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Dussek (Harp Sonata in B flat major, Op 34) **7.00** Travel Guide: France and Houston **8.00** Concert. Rossini (Overture William Tell) Holst (Hammersmith Prelude and Scherzo, Op 52), Fiorillo (Violin Concerto No 13 in A), Beethoven (Fidelio, Finale Act II) Bartok (Concert for Orchestra) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

### VIRGIN RADIO

**6.00am** Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (**FM**) / Robin Banks (**AM**) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

### RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air.** Includes Cadman (*Symphony in E minor, Pennsylvania*) and Saint-Saëns (*Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor*)
**9.00 Morning Collection.** Includes Strauss (Duet-Concertino and Awakening Scene, The Egyptian Helen); Beethoven (Symphony No 2 in D)
**10.00 Musical Encounters.** Mendelssohn (Overture: *Fingal's Cave*); *Mozart* (Symphony No 36); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Hindemith (Suite: Nobilissima Visione)
**12.00 Composer of the Week: Reger.** Psalm 100, Op 106 performed by the Bamberg Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Horst Stein with Fritz Walter-Lindquist, organ
**1.00pm News; Bel Canto Voices.** Patrick O'Connor talks to Marilyn Horne whose choice includes Conchita Supervia, Giulietta Simionato, Victoria de los Angeles and Luciano *Pavarotti (r)*
**2.00 Gabrieli Brass Ensemble.** A concert given in July at the St Albans Festival. Koechlin (Chant de la Resurrection); Langlais (Ceremonie pour Cuivres); Hartmann (Fest-Klange); Carter (A Fantasy about Purcell's Fantasy upon *One Note*)
**3.05 Out of the Air.** Paddy Ashdown recalls Bruckner's Symphony No 1
**3.10 The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Symphony Orchestra. Berlioz (*Overture Le corsaire*): Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G); Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat)
**5.00 Music Machine**
**5.15 In Tune.** Includes Tippett (*Little Music for Strings*), and *Montsalvatge (Cinco* Canciones Negras)
**7.30 The Controllers' Concerts.** Sir John Drummond chooses the BBC Singers and the Endymion Ensemble under Stephen Cleobury. David Sawer (Songs of Love and War); Birtwistle (Ritual Fragment); Schnittke *(Requiem)*
**8.50 Hearts and Minds.** Michael Rosen says the story of children's literature in apartheid South Africa is a tale of literary starvation for blacks, a solid diet of mother country classics and fake history for whites, and bold tales of pioneering Vortrekkers for the Afrikaners
**9.15 The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Jerzy Maksymiuk. Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No 3); Sibelius (Nightride and *Sunrise); Beethoven* (Overture Leonore No 1)
**10.00 Music Restored.** George Pratt introduces a concert from the York Early Music Festival including Francesco Orso (Il Cantar Novo); Luca Marenzio (O Fere Stelle)
**10.45 Night Waves.** First-night review of *Henry IV Parts 1 and 2*, starring father and son, Timothy and Sam West
**11.30 Composer of the Week: Franck.** Gillian Weir talks about his organ music (r)
**12.30am Jazz Notes** from the Don Rendell Roarin' Band featuring Ian Carr
**1.00am Through the Night**

### RADIO 4

**5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
**9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts** with John Waite (r)
**9.30 Common Ground.** Conor Gearty chairs the discussion programme that attempts to find a *common ground* between two apparently irreconcilable positions
**10.00 News; The Hearts and Lives of Men (FM).** See Choice
**10.00 Daily Service (LW)**
**10.15 On This Day (LW)**
**10.30 Woman's Hour,** presented by Jenni Murray
**11.30 From Our Own Correspondent**
**12.00 News; You and Yours**
**12.25pm Questions of Taste** Chris Kelly hosts the lighthearted culinary quiz, featuring Valentina Harris, Keith Barron, Nigella Lawson and Mark Hurst **12.55** Weather
**1.00 The World at One**
**1.40 The Archers** *(r)* **1.55** Shipping Forecast
**2.00 News; The Piano Tuner's Wives** See Choice
**3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift**
**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Paul Allen sees Michael Maloney in a production of *Hamlet* and the premiere of a *new Edward Bond* play at the Royal Shakespeare Company
**4.45 Short Story: Morrisey** by Rob Gittins. A detective sergeant from a Cardiff police station tells her story. Read by Suzanne Packer
**5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** *Weather*
**6.00 Six O'Clock News**
**6.30 And I'm the Queen of Sheba.** Ken Livingstone MP chairs a panel game about lies and deceit. With guests Neil Mullarkey, Hattie Hayridge, Tony Hawks and Mark Steel
**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**
**7.20 Hitting the Jackpot.** Allan Beswick follows the fortunes of *National Lottery winners*. Christine is planning to do her *Christmas shopping in New York*, whilst Elaine and Derek have bought a racehorse. Jasmin with £2 million gives up his job and goes into hiding where he reads the newspaper headlines
**8.00 Analysis:** A New Kind of Democrat. Martin Walker looks at the challenges facing Bill Clinton
**8.45 The Writer's Day Out** Writers best known for creating fiction become reporters for a day
**9.00 Does He Take Sugar?** The programme for people with disabilities. Presented by Frederick Dove
**9.30 Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather
**10.00 The World Tonight** with Jeremy Harris
**10.45 Booker at Bedtime:** *Orchard of Fire* by Sheena McKay
**11.00 Thirty Minute Theatre: Heartache,** by the former *Times cartoonist Mel Calman*, who died nearly three years ago **(FM)** (r)
**11.30 Ad Lib** (r)
**11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)**
**12.00 News** Incl **12.30am The Late Book: Primary Colors** The anonymously authored bestseller, read by Clarke Peters (9/10) **12.48** Shipping
**1.00 As World Service**

**FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1.** FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

# Dusty old institutions defy being dusted off

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

The woman in the housecoat waved her feather duster over a glass case. "I clean India, Northern Europe and the Bed of Ware," she said. She sounded proud, reasonably enough: not many of us tackle the dirt of two sub-continents on a regular basis. She and another housecoated chum processed through the galleries of the Victoria and Albert Museum in last night's **Modern Times** (BBC2), applying effort here and there to a bit of glass or a plinth. Visitors sometimes tell her the V&A is the cleanest museum they've seen, which is gratifying. Sometimes she sings whole songs while she works, but though I waited for *Some Day my Plinth Will Come*, I waited in vain.

The trouble with last night's *The Museum* (if you are still awake) is that it was all as cheerfully banal as this. Susanna White's documentary was well made, witty in places and beautifully photographed, and it attained closed-doors access to top-level meetings (a requisite of all portraits of institutions). But in a peculiar way it mirrored the museum itself — a bit fragmented, a bit exotic, and sometimes more than a bit deadening to the spirit. Research published coincidentally this week revealed that it is quite normal for museum visitors to faint from exhaustion, and I was relieved to hear it. Children of my generation were exposed to all-day museum visits which acted perversely as a kind of aversion therapy. At the merest mention of "South Kensington", for example, I have to sit down with my head between my knees.

Back with the documentary, *The Museum* was just too predictable. Let's meet the security man who's a real cockney character. Let's meet the clever attendant, who reads Gombrich to keep up. Let's see fussy curators readjusting pictures and delivering impromptu lectures ("the men love it"), while long-suffering object-handlers rub their noses blankly, and glance at their watches. And on, and on. All museum life was here, from the bug-catchers to the director of the museum deciding reluctantly to introduce an admission charge. It beguiled an hour perfectly well, but it felt a bit aimless, like wandering from room to room. And why was the famous "ace caff" left out? Did the producer fear we would all — like visitors to the museum itself — gratefully abandon our studies at the first mention of refreshment?

Perhaps I was just in a bad mood, but **Naked City** (BBC2) seemed a bit obvious as well. What happened when the City was deregulated in the 1980s by Margaret Thatcher? A load of Americans turned up, that's what, and the Stock Exchange stopped being a genteel world where men met in whiskers and top hats, and compared the breadth of their pinstripes. Mrs Thatcher — pictured in a hard hat, sitting in the cabin of a crane — personally demolished this civilised place. After deregulation, the Americans barged in, worked "appalling" hours in shirtsleeves at their flickering computer screens, and competed openly for the interesting title "Big Swinging Dick" (employee of the month, with subtle macho overtones).

Before deregulation, apparently, the City was like a gentleman's club. This fact was kept before us in no subtle way, by having people tell us the same thing, over and over. "It was like a gentleman's club... It was a clubby world ... There was a code of dress, rather like a gentleman's club." To emphasise the timeless nature of this club, black and white footage of City men would sometimes show trolley-buses or biplanes passing in the background. On the floor of the Stock Exchange, men queued politely for a word, and left the place deserted during Henley Regatta. At his interview for a merchant bank, one man was only asked what he made of the Test match so far.

The trouble ahead for *Naked City* (a four-part series) is that this Garrick Club era is surely much easier to demonstrate on television than the modern era it gave way to. See one big swinging dick yelling aggressively down a phone, and you've probably seen them all. And as Peter York recently demonstrated with his series *The Eighties*, oiks with champagne bottles weren't even very interesting at the time.

Still, the 1980s hold warm memories for some. Clarissa Dickson Wright, in last night's **Two Fat Ladies** (BBC2) suddenly revealed that in the 1980s she was "sent to teach etiquette to some yuppies in Leeds". She was prompted to this bizarre recollection by the preparation of artichokes — a well-known culinary trap for the upwardly mobile. Eat them with your fingers, Clarissa had instructed those embarrassed yuppies, who held their knives and forks upside down, and wiped their noses on placemats. Now she was cooking a dinner for priests at Westminster Cathedral, with her chum Jennifer Paterson, and could be wise after the event. "Ah yes," she ruminated. "The yuppie has gone but the artichoke remains."

What a relief that Jennifer and Clarissa had not been left in the boot of a New York taxi. I can't remember a cookery series as compelling as this. These women somehow make snobbery an attractive character trait instead of a crushing force for evil. "Now don't call this a *coulis*," admonished Clarissa, stirring sugar into sieved raspberries, and looking stern. Jennifer shuddered in agreement. "A *coolie* is a Chinese man in a pointy hat who carries things for you," she said. I felt suitably reprimanded, even though I've never called anything (or anybody) a coulis in my life. But whether it was the pronunciation they objected to — or the word itself — I doubt I shall ever know.

## BBC1

**6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST** (41786)

**7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS** (Ceefax) (72057)

**9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA** (Ceefax) (5144892)

**9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE** (s) (2046927)

**9.45 KILROY** (s) (2876908)

**10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK** (s) (41502)

**11.00 NEWS** and weather (Ceefax) (6450927)

**11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW** (s) (7623705)

**11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE** (s) (1439415)

**12.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (Ceefax) (7099618)

**12.05pm SNOWY RIVER: THE MCGREGOR SAGA** (s) (8476618)

**12.50 FANCY THAT!** (65551347)

**1.00 NEWS** and weather (Ceefax) (75144)

**1.30 REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (57995231)

**1.40 NEIGHBOURS** (Ceefax) (s) (44952453)

**2.00 GRAND PRIX SNOOKER** and **RACING FROM NEWBURY** Coverage of the first quarter-final from Bournemouth and the **3.10** and **3.40** races from Newbury (s) (139453)

**3.50 BILLY THE DINOSAUR** (r) (8996637) **3.55 THE CHIPMUNKS** (r) (s) (4305304) **4.20 JULIA JEKYLL AND HARRIET HYDE** (8366279) **4.35 SMART** (6331304) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (2946927) **5.10 BYKER GROVE** (Ceefax) (6035231)

**5.35 NEIGHBOURS** (r) (Teletext) (461250)

**6.00 NEWS** and weather (279)

**6.30 REGIONAL NEWS** (231)

**7.00 WATCHDOG** (Ceefax) (s) (8163)

**7.30 EASTENDERS** Tiffany makes Grant an offer he cannot refuse (Ceefax) (s) (415)

**8.00 ANIMAL HOSPITAL** A locum vet has to make time to tend to her own sick dog (s) (Ceefax) (7811)

**8.30 THE HELLO GIRLS** Chris and Sylvia are nominated to take part in the contest for GPO Personality of the Year. With Dick's proposal hanging in the air, Chris is determined to prove she is more than just a pretty face. Last in series (Ceefax) (s) (3618)

**9.00 NEWS** and weather (Ceefax) (4328)

**9.30 THE X FILES** In the first of a two-part story, a mysterious videotape purportedly showing the autopsy of an alien leads Mulder to investigate sinister experiments carried out by the Japanese Government. During the investigation, Scully's partial memory of her abduction is jogged when she encounters a group of people who tell her she is one of them (231231)

**10.15 THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER** In the last of the comic sports quiz the regulars are joined by comedian Phill Jupitus and presenter Nick Owen (694415)

**10.45 QUESTION TIME** The guests are the novelist and screenwriter Frederic Raphael and MPs Ann Widdecombe, Ann Taylor and Nicholas Harvey. (Ceefax) (660618)

**11.45 CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK** (r) (Ceefax) (198892)

**12.20am SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX** (s) (6454467) **1.20 WEATHER** (2522309)

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## BBC2

**6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: BABIES' MINDS** (7070076) **6.25 WINDOWS ON THE MIND** (7082811) **6.50 EYEWITNESS MEMORY** (9657908)

**7.15 BREAKFAST NEWS** (6817076)

**7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS** (4284057) **7.55 BLUE PETER** (r) (8343434) **8.20 NODDY** (1078540) **8.35 THE RECORD** (8700908) **9.00 THE IT COLLECTION** (2024705) **9.25 THE ART** (5161569) **9.45 WRITING AND PICTURES** (1488521) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (66908) **10.30 STORYTIME** (1526892) **10.45 TEACHING TODAY** (532076) **11.15 WELSH HISTORY** (9297095) **11.35 LANDMARKS** (3471415) **11.55 BELIEF FILE** (1440521) **12.15pm HALLO AUS BERLIN** (7933521) **12.30 WORKING LUNCH** (91095) **1.00 LIFE-SCHOOL** (87036778) **1.25 MAD ABOUT MUSIC** (17906328) **1.45 NUMBERTIME** (57912908) **2.00 NODDY** (18120989) **2.10 A WEEK TO REMEMBER** (81401298) **2.15 WILD-VISION** (18118144)

**2.25 RACING FROM NEWBURY** Live coverage of the **2.40** introduced by Julian Wilson (s) (1100279)

**3.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (5026502)

**3.05 WESTMINSTER WITH NICK ROSS** (4370366)

**3.55 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather** (8986250)

**4.00 SNOOKER** (8540)

**6.00 STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE** (411618)

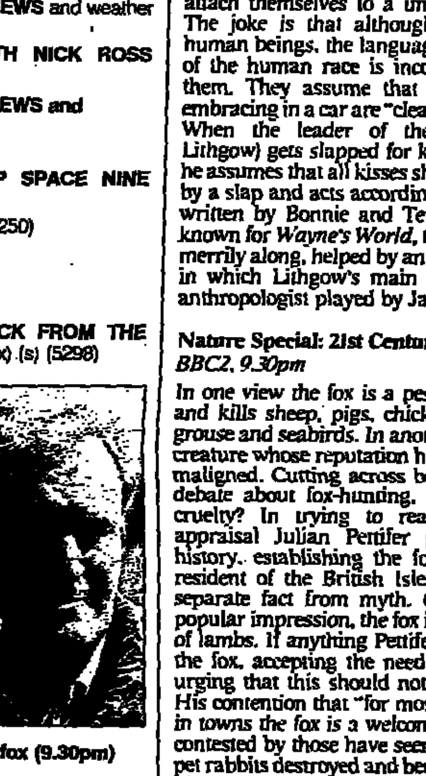
**6.45 QUANTUM LEAP** (636250)

**7.30 FIRST SIGHT** (647)

**8.00 THE WORKS** (5453)

**8.30 TOP GEAR** (4960)

**9.00 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN** (Ceefax) (s) (5298)



Julian Pettifer and fox (9.30pm)

**9.30 NATURE SPECIAL: 21st Century Fox** (Ceefax) (s) (239873)

**10.15 10X10** Talking Trees (s) (683892)

**10.28 VIDEO SHORTS** (497182)

**10.30 NEWSNIGHT** (542279)

**11.15 LATE REVIEW** (409250)

**11.55 WEATHER** (399144)

**12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR** (59670)

**12.30am-6.00 LEARNING ZONE: OPEN UNIVERSITY: MUSICAL PRODIGIES?** (33354) **1.00 BAJOUROU: MUSIC OF MALI** (76922) **1.30 JAZZ, RAGA AND SYNTHESIZERS** (10800) **2.00 FETV SHORT CUTS: NEWSFILE** (93361) **4.00 LANGUAGES: NOW YOU'RE TALKING/CHALK MARKS** (93545) **5.00 BUSINESS AND WORK: THE BOSS** (8082125) **5.50-6.00 TRADE SECRETS** (2921941)

## CHOICE

### *Is It Legal? Solicitors in Love*

*ITV, 8.30pm*

*Funny that this jaunty and unpretentious sitcom should be written by the same Simon Nye who is responsible for the more abrasive Men Behaving Badly.* But the ability to employ two different styles is a tribute to Nye, not a criticism. *Is It Legal?* is a thoroughly jolly show, built on the pleasures of predictability. As the second series opens Patrick Barlow's twitchy Bob is still pining for the sandwich girl, Imelda Staunton's Stella has met her latest fantastic man and the accident-prone Colin (Richard Lumsden) manages to throw his briefcase through a shopwindow. So nothing has changed at Lotus, Spackman and Phelps, the solicitors no litigant would dream of employing, and for that we should be glad. Nye has devised a format which works splendidly on its chosen level, and he would be a fool to tinker with it.

### Third Rock From the Sun

*BBC2, 9.00pm*

A quirkily enjoyable sit-com from the United States features four aliens who travel to Earth in the cause of research, take on the appearance of an American family and attach themselves to a university in Ohio. The joke is that although they look like human beings, the language and behaviour of the human race is incomprehensible to them. They assume that a young couple embracing in a car are "cleaning" each other. When the leader of the quartet (John Lithgow) gets slapped for kissing a woman, he assumes that all kisses should be followed by a slap and acts accordingly. Created and written by Bonnie and Terry Turner, best known for *Wayne's World*, the show bubbles merrily along, helped by an enthusiastic cast in which Lithgow's main adversary is an anthropologist played by Jane Curtin.

### Nature Special: 21st Century Fox

*BBC2, 9.30pm*

In one view the fox is a pest which harries and kills sheep, pigs, chickens, pheasants, grouse and seabirds. In another, it is a noble creature whose reputation has been unfairly maligned. Cutting across both views is the debate about fox-hunting, conservation or cruelty? In trying to reach a balanced appraisal Julian Pettifer goes back into history, establishing the fox as the oldest resident of the British Isles and trying to separate fact from myth. Contrary to the popular impression, the fox is not a big killer of lambs. If anything Pettifer leans towards the fox, accepting the need for control but urging that this should not involve killing. His contention that "for most of us who live in towns the fox is a welcome sight" will be contested by those have seen plants dug up, pet rabbits destroyed and been kept awake at night by the fox's horrible screech.

### 10 x 10: Talking Trees

*BBC2, 10.15pm*

The north of Ireland may be the least wooded area in Europe but Lionel Mill has discovered enough trees there to make a film good enough to win a prize at the San Francisco Film Festival. Mill not only has an eye for the striking image, setting trees against landscape in unexpected ways, but offers a landscape with unexpected figures. A woman under a red umbrella enthuses over the peculiarly Irish fairy tree. Tom Pakenham of the Irish Tree Society tells us that he goes spotting trees as other people go spotting trains and a farmer reckons that the trees on his land are costing him £20,000 just to be there, that being the grant he could receive for cutting them down. We finally meet a woman who plants a tree for every occasion, from the death of a pet to her daughter's wedding. **Peter Waymark**

**6.00am GMTV** (7143453)

**9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP** (2021618)

**9.55 REGIONAL NEWS** (6801502)

**10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE** (53434)

**10.30 THIS MORNING** (27128366)

**12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS** (7088502)

**12.30 NEWS** (Teletext) and weather (3720144)

**12.55 SHORTLAND STREET** (s) (3738163) **1.25 CORONATION STREET** (r) (Teletext) (6773540) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (Teletext) (s) (27339521) **2.25 CROSSWITS** (Teletext) (s) (27325328) **2.50 VANESSA** (Teletext) (s) (9434892)

**3.20 ITN NEWS** (5033892)

**3.25 REGIONAL NEWS** (5032163)

**3.30 THE RIDDLERS** (9284250) **3.40 WIZADORA** (6611279) **3.50 SYLVESTER AND TWEETY MYSTERIES** (9295366) **4.05 SCOOBY DOO** (6670434) **4.25 AN AUDIENCE WITH SOOTY** (1571415)

**5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE** (Teletext) (8846908)

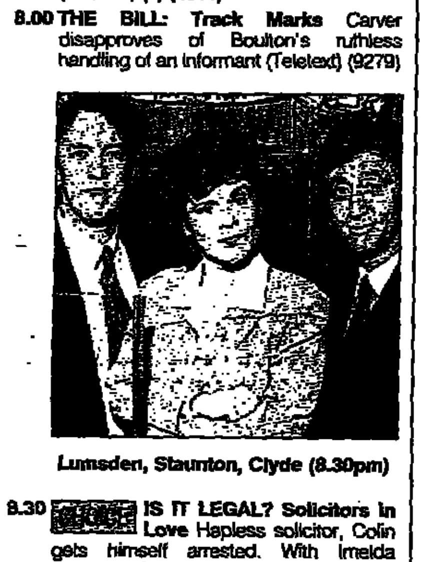
**5.40 NEWS** (Teletext) and weather (987873)

**6.00 HOME AND AWAY** (r) (Teletext) (s) (467095)

**6.25 HTV NEWS** (Teletext) (951811)

**7.00 EMMERDALE** Viv and Terry are dangerously near to being caught (Teletext) (s) (4811)

**8.00 THE BILL: Track Marks** Carver disapproves of Boulton's ruthless handling of an informant (Teletext) (9279)



Lumsden, Staunton, Clyde (8.30pm)

**8.30 IS IT LEGAL? Solicitors in Love** Hapless solicitor, Colin gets himself arrested. With Imelda Staunton, Richard Lumsden and Jeremy Clyde (Teletext) (8786)

**9.00 THIEF TAKERS: A Dead Man** Drama series about the Met's special Armed Robbery Squad. A multi-million pound collection of rubies is stolen at an airport and then snatched by a second gang. Their leader is a criminal Charlie Scott thought was dead (Teletext) (2845)

**10.00 NEWS** (Teletext) and weather (68279)

**10.30 REGIONAL NEWS** (750811)

**10.40 THE WEST STORY** Examining the hidden impact of a well publicised car crash on the Mendips (Teletext) (557250)

**11.10 THE WEST THIS WEEK** Reports on topical issues (117182)

**11.40 SWIFT JUSTICE** Drama series about a former New York detective who take on the people the law cannot touch (s) (875279)

**12.35am SHORT STORY CINEMA** (6156125)

**1.05 WAR OF THE WORLDS** (s) (6044361)

**2.05 NOT FADE AWAY** (5058106)

**3.05 FLUX** (s) (7918309)

**4.00 LATE AND LOUD** (r) (s) (20699)

**5.00 GARDEN CALENDAR** (36816)

**5.30 NEWS** (54125)

As HTV WEST except:

**10.40 THE FERRET** (557250)

**11.10 A SPORTING DOUBLE** (117182)

**11.40 FILM: JAMES DEAN** (963163)

## WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

**12.55 EMMERDALE** (3738163)

**1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS** (82086273)

**1.55 HOME AND AWAY** (14388415)

**2.25 VANESSA** (27349908)

**2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE** (3827386)

**5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY** (8846908)

**10.45 CADLE'S QUEST** (611182)

**11.15 SHORT STORY CINEMA** (618095)

**11.45 PRISONER: CELL BLOCK H** (391892)

**12.35am LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT** (6156125)

**4.05 LATE AND LOUD** (4267816)

## CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

**12.55pm HOME AND AWAY** (3738163)

**1.25 CROSSWITS** (82086273)

**1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE** (44933328)

**2.20 VANESSA** (27340637)

**2.50-3.20 HIGH ROAD** (9434892)

**5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET** (8846908)

**10.40 LONDON BRIDGE** (557250)

**11.10 REVELATIONS** (117182)

**11.40 CRIME STORY** (607095)

**12.45am PLANET ROCK PROFILES** (73854)

**1.15 FUNNY BUSINESS** (70767)

**1.45 NOT FADE AWAY** (3554293)

**2.40 FLUX** (5348564)

**3.35 THE CRIME HOUR** (6277670)

**4.30 SOUND BITES** (15083477)

**4.35 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '96** (9900390)

## MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

**12.55pm CROSSWITS** (3738163)

**1.25 HOME AND AWAY** (82086273)

**1.55 SHORTLAND STREET** (44933328)

**2.20 VANESSA** (27340637)

**2.50-3.20 HOUSEPARTY** (9434892)

**5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY** (8846908)

**6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT** (347)

**6.30-7.00 ANYTHING YOU CAN DO** (927)

**10.40 FILM: THE BLUES BROTHERS** (27395182)

**5.00am FREESCREEN** (36816)

## S4C

**Starts: 6.35 PRO STARS** (9654811) **7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (98095) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (45328) **9.30 HANGIN' WITH MR COOPER** (4045811) **9.55 BACK TO THE FUTURE** (5651873) **10.20 PINK PANTHER** (4378415) **10.40 THE LEGEND OF WHITE FANG** (8686960) **11.10 DOG CITY** (9274144) **11.35 ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE** (3480163) **12.00pm HOUSE TO HOUSE** (58892) **12.30 BACKDATE** (86163) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (91182) **1.30 FILM: THE RAID** (88213618) **3.05 FRESH POP** (1216927) **3.15 RICKI LAKE** (9386279) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (540) **4.30 LAST CALL FOR THE CORNCRAKE** (724) **5.00 5 PUMP** (1637) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (796) **6.00 NEWYDDION 6** (366927) **6.05 HENO** (445873) **6.35 JACPOT** (627540) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (745705) **7.25 ROWND PWY NESA'?** (185750) **8.00 CYW HAUL** (3331) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (6328) **9.00 I DOT** (8637) **10.00 FILM: MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (85979250) **12.15am DISPATCHES** (331057) **1.15 VOICES IN THE DARK** (436421)

**6.35am PRO STARS** (r) (9654811)

**7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (98095)

**9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** Cookery (45328)

**9.30 HANGIN' WITH MR COOPER** (r) (4045811) **9.55 BACK TO THE FUTURE** (r) (5651873) **10.20 PINK PANTHER** (r) (4378415) **10.40 THE LEGEND OF WHITE FANG** (r) (8686960) **11.10 DOG CITY** (r) (9274144) **11.35 ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE** (r) (3480163)

**12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE** (58892)

**12.30pm BACKDATE** (Teletext) (s) (86163)

**1.00 SESAME STREET** (81618)

**2.00 ANTIPHONY** (81472786)

**2.05 FILM: The Third Man** (b/w, 1949) Classic thriller starring Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles. Directed by Carol Reed (697892)

**4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE** (Teletext) (s) (540) **4.30 COUNTDOWN** (Teletext) (s) (724) **5.00 RICKI LAKE** (Teletext) (s) (2331811) **5.45 STEALING HOME** (251960)

Sam Fox, Dominik Diamond (6.00pm)

**6.00 NEW GAMESMASTER** Dominik Diamond presents the comprehensive guide to computer and arcade games (Teletext) (989)

**6.30 HOLLYOAKS** (Teletext) (s) (569)

**7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS; Weather** (422144)

**7.50 THE SLOT** (147845)

**8.00 DOSH** In the first of two reports on credit referencing, a solicitor describes how he was refused credit after he was reported to be heavily in debt. Angus Loughran, alias Statto from *Fantasy Football League*, offers gambling advice as three teams speculate with £300 each (4/7) (Teletext) (s) (3331)

**8.30 DESIRE** Top catwalk names reveal their new designs (3/5) (Teletext) (s) (6328)

**9.00 DISPATCHES** An investigation into government policy on selling military equipment to Argentina (Teletext) (8637)

**10.00 FILM: Web of Deception** (1994) starring Powers Booth. A prominent forensic scientist is accused of murdering his lover. Directed by Richard Colla (Teletext) (s) (494279)

**11.50 FOUR-MATIONS: Continental Passions** (106811)

**12.25am KIDS IN THE HALL** (7364309)

**12.55 FOUR-MATIONS: Shorts** (1726835)

**1.45 FILM: Dance Little Lady** (1954) starring Mai Zetterling as a ballerina who discovers that her husband is having an affair with a fellow dancer. After a tragic accident she is left to bring up their gifted daughter alone. Directed by Val Guest (Teletext) (639800)

**3.20 FILM: Svengali** (1955) Romantic drama starring Donald Wolfit and Hildegarde Neff. Directed by Noel Langley (Teletext) (7609380) Ends at **4.50**

## SATELLITE AND CABLE

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### SKY 1

**7.00am** Love Connection (9023237) **7.20** Press Your Luck (9128881) **7.40** Jeopardy! (5084304) **8.10** Hotel (9410502) **9.00** Another World (1635250) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (3119569) **10.40** Real TV (3020250) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (7028273) **12.00** Geraldo (25076) **1.00pm** One to Three (92347) **3.00** Jenny Jones (31163) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (50298) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3250) **6.00** New Adventures of Superman (14960) **7.00** LAPD (1279) **7.30** MASH (7705) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (2417) **8.30** SouthEnders (9434) **9.00** When Animals Attack (51415) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (54502) **11.00** New Adventures of Superman (86637) **12.00** Midnight Caller (78816) **1.00am** LAPD (34485) **1.30** Real TV (43212) **2.00** Hit Mix (80729)

### SKY 2

**7.00pm** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (4916811) **8.00** Police Rescue (4892231) **9.00** Blind Faith (4802618) **11.00** Late Show (1125960) **12.00 FILM: A Walk with Love and Death** ([illegible]) **2.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (9959090)

### SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage with bulletins on the hour 24 hours a day, seven days a week

### SKY MOVIES

**6.00am The Cat and the Canary (1979)** ([illegible]) **8.00 The Only Game in Town (1969)** (43763499) **9.50 Renaissance Man (1994)** (79839927) **12.00 Grizzly Mountain (1995)** (36786) **2.00pm The Magic Kid II (1993)** (78132) **4.00 Kaleidoscope (1966)** ([illegible]) **6.00 The Lies Boys Tell (1994)** (12267811) **7.40 US Top 10** ([illegible]) **8.00 Renaissance Man (1994)** ([illegible]) **10.10 Just Cause (1995)** ([illegible]) **Bullet in the Head (1990)** ([illegible]) **2.05am Sisters (1988)** ([illegible]) **3.35 When the Bough Breaks (1993)** ([illegible])

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

**5.00am Boop Oop a Doop (1985)** (76415) **7.30 We're Back! a Dinosaur's Story (1993)** (99366) **9.00 Hans and the Silver Skates (1994)** (36366) **10.00 Spring Fling! (1995)** (48927) **12.00 Hollywood Cavalcade (1939)** (84328) **2.00pm Tekwar: Tek Justice (1994)** (76724) **4.00 We're Back! a Dinosaur's Story (1993)** (50081279) **5.45 The Spy Who Loved Me (1977)** (57645786) **8.00 The Adventures of Yellow Dog (1994)** (89960) **9.30 The Movie Show** (19415) **10.00 True Romance (1993)** (23144) **12.00 The Red Shoe Diaries: Another Woman's Lipstick (1993)** (250941) **1.35am Confessions of a Window Cleaner (1974)** (592926) **3.10 Dragonard (1988)** (219106) **4.45 Hans and the Silver Skates (1994)** (73380)

### SKY MOVIES GOLD

**4.00pm A Damsel in Distress (1937)** (7321095) **6.00 What's Up Tiger Lily? (1966)** (31596705) **7.45 Dunkirk (1958)** (43122502) **10.00 Platoon (1986)** (30423637) **12.05am Valley of the Dolls (1967)** (39759090) **2.10 Sinbad the Sailor (1947)** (4748212) **4.10 Follow the Fleet (1936)** (1053038)

### THE DISNEY CHANNEL

**Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.**

**6.00am** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (8902256) **6.25** Under the Umbrella Tree (9457340) **6.50** Happy Birthday Bunnykins (5055182) **7.15** Mouse Tracks (3778732) **7.40** Darkwing Duck (4855621) **8.05** Aladdin (6967366) **8.30** Bonkers (79142) **9.00** Goof Troop (20182) **9.30** Timon and Pumbaa (34873) **10.00** Darkwing Duck (10892) **10.30** Enchanted Tales: Christmas Elves (32618) **11.30** Quack Attack (11347) **12.00** Aladdin (17618) **12.30pm** Bonkers (45989) **1.00** Timon and Pumbaa (67298) **1.30 FILM: D2: The Mighty Ducks** (14552958) **3.15** Goof Troop (6456144) **3.40** Darkwing Duck (6408095) **4.05** Bonkers (6800250) **4.30** Flash Forward (3786) **5.00** Aladdin (1453) **5.30** Okavango (7366) **6.00** Blossom (4279) **6.30** Blossom (8231) **7.00** Home Improvement (8989) **7.30** FILM D2 The Mighty Ducks (96144) **9.30** Home Improvement (58453) **10.00** Transfer to Sky Movies Gold (18347)

### SKY SPORTS 1

**7.00am** Sports Centre (65705) **7.30** Wrestling Superstars (39908) **8.30** Horse Racing (82908) **9.00** Sports Centre (68960) **9.30** Aerobics (10279) **10.00** Women's Golf Italian Open (73724) **11.00** Golf: Old Pro-Am (53960) **12.00** Aerobics (88724) **12.30pm** American Cavalcade (98250) **1.30** Women's Golf Italian Open (12809) **2.30** Golf: Old Pro-Am (87873) **3.30** Rugby Union (6057) **4.00** Golf (8892) **4.30** Futbol Mundial (4076) **4.59** Sports Centre (8125786) **5.00** Wrestling: Action Zone (9076) **6.00** Sports Centre (5569) **6.30** Futbol Mundial (9621) **7.00** Sailing (4255) **7.30** Motor Sport (5705) **8.00** Soccer (14255) **9.00** Trans World Sport (20569) **10.00** Sports Centre (87453) **10.30** Fishing: Tight Lines (32347) **11.30** Motor Sport (46182) **12.00** Sailing (33670) **12.30am** Sports Centre (93564) **1.00-4.30** Live Baseball (2255212)

### SKY SPORTS 2

**8.00pm** Fishing: Tight Lines (8729231) **9.00** Soccer (8739618) **11.00** Soccer Scrapbook (6180106) **12.30-1.00am** Blood, Sweat and Glory (2522800)

### SKY SPORTS 3

**12.00** In-Line Skating (71856328) **1.00pm** Soccer (77745366) **3.00** Baseball (54207076) **6.00** In-Line Skating (71878540) **7.00** Soccer (76445540) **8.00** Live Golf: US PGA Tour Championship (64920076) **11.00** Golf (27738328) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (77720057)

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### GRANADA PLUS

**6.00am** Runway (4744250) **6.30** Once Upon a Time (16748989) **6.45** Our Backyard (80987637) **7.00** Alphabet Zoo (2956927) **7.30** The Return of the Antelope (2935434) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (9718908) **8.30** Runway (9717279) **9.00** Families (9791231) **9.30** Albion Market (1911908) **10.00** Making It (2737502) **10.30** Leave It to Charlie (9797415) **11.00** Sam (2944182) **12.00** Surgical Spirit (9711095) **12.30pm** Classic Coronation Street (1915724) **1.00** The Practice (2955298) **1.30** Families (1914095) **2.00** Maigret (2738231) **3.00** Leave It to Charlie (7735057) **3.30** Edge of Britain (5961683) **4.00** Love for Lydia (53369144) **5.15** Families (6531386) **6.00** The Army Game (9561647) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (1561827) **7.00** Albion Market (7750366) **7.30** Surgical Spirit (9668291) **8.00** Sam (2034163) **9.00** The Good Life Guide (3188434) **9.25** Classic Coronation Street (3675989) **10.00-11.00** Lady Killers (2024786)

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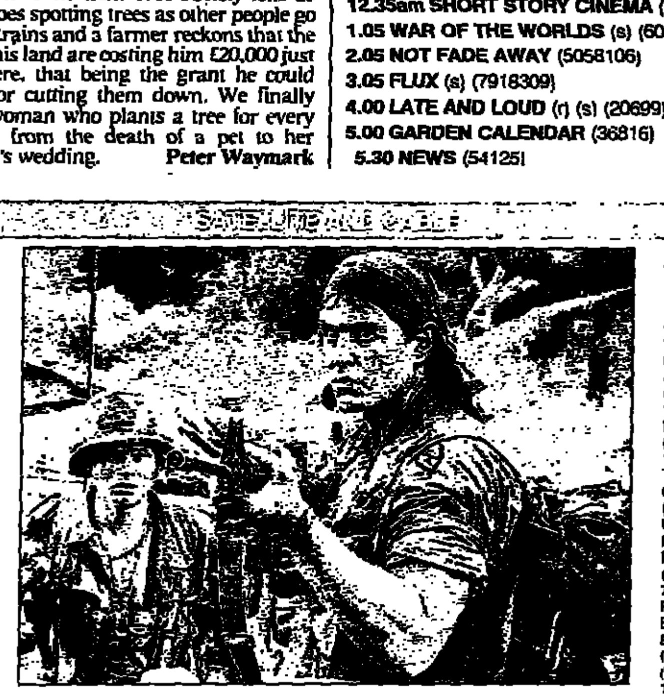

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**4.00pm** Biography: Rudolph Valentino (8297144) **5.00** The Great Ships (2558182) **6.00** Stalin (3350637) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Patton (8743811)

### THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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### UK GOLD

**7.00am** Lassie (7630786) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (7642521) **8.00** Neighbours (5813540) **8.25** EastEnders (6190163) **9.00** The Bill (7084231) **9.30** One by One (3463076) **10.30** The Sullivans (7080415) **11.00** Task Force (7668569) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7004095) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6806863) **1.00** EastEnders (1163366) **1.35** Never the Twain (9443811) **2.15** Ever Decreasing Circles (3735569) **2.50** Brush Strokes (9012328) **3.30** The Bill (5383908) **4.00** Howards' Way (72207960) **5.05** It's a Knockout (54803163) **6.15** Candid Camera Flashes (7248347) **6.25** EastEnders (4068328) **7.00** Odd One Out (5058366) **7.40** A Little Bit of Emery (6583255) **8.00** Funny You Ask (8685927) **8.30** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (8664434) **9.00** The Equalizer (2811057) **10.00** The Bill (5427434) **10.35** The Young Ones (5628873) **11.15** Taggart (3158958) **12.20am FILM: Murder So Sweet** (9053212) **2.00** Shopping (9331106)

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### UK LIVING

**6.00am** Kilroy (6029540) **7.00** The Agony Experience (4158347) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (8420347) **8.20** Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery (1894618) **8.55** Turnabout (2382182) **9.35** Call the Doctor (5409095) **10.00** Super Fresco Fabuloscious (1228250) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (8529908) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8615989) **11.55** Brookside (72368415) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (21259881) **12.50** Gabrielle (9183618) **1.40** Rolonda (7117144) **2.30** The Agony Experience (7401637) **3.00** Live at Three (7725076) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (7492989) **4.30** Talkabout (9259255) **5.05** Lingo (92130502) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7405453) **6.00** Bewitched (7402386) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (1642417) **7.05** Brookside (2222095) **7.35** Super Fresco Fabuloscious (6129786) **7.40** Trivial Pursuit (8759927) **8.00** General Practice (1390502) **9.00** FILM: Miles to Go (63833569) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (1060144) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II

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**5.00pm** Blockbusters (4927) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (12182) **6.30** Catchphrase (1705) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (4163) **7.30** Sweet Justice (34989) **8.30** Rising Damp (9618) **9.00** Bergerac (64927) **10.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: A New Lease of Death (34786) **11.00** Only When I Laugh (32683) **11.30** Home to Roost (12250) **12.00** Moonlighting (78800) **1.00am** Bergerac (49038) **2.00** Sweet Justice (86832) **3.00** Moonlighting (90922) **4.00** All Together Now (51361) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion

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Larder left to pick up the pieces for Britain

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 1996

### Ultimate fan pays ultimate price

# Blue was his colour, football was his game

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

WHAT is the legacy of Matthew Harding, killed in a helicopter crash on Tuesday night, to his beloved Chelsea FC? As the tributes around Stamford Bridge built up yesterday — the blue irises, the blue scarves draped on the temporary fencing of the still developing home of Chelsea — Ken Bates, club chairman and, at times, Harding's adversary, tried to put a perspective on football, on life and death, on the future.

"The North Stand will be renamed The Matthew Harding Stand," Bates said. Fair enough. Without the £5 million loan that Harding, the ultimate fan, had given, the huge stand which seats 8,244 would not now be in place.

But Bates went further. He pledged the board's commitment to completing Harding's dream of making Chelsea a world-class team in a world-class stadium. And Bates said: "His financial commitment to the club is in place, and it is not jeopardised."

Interesting. It may sound insensitive so soon after the tragedy, but we will have to wait to see what is written in Harding's will to know if anything of the financial promises and arrangements Harding had set up are "jeopardised". What 42-year-old, and vice-chairman of a club in which he did not totally share the vision of the chairman, would give open-ended commitment to the tune of £26.5 million to his club? Indeed, what 42-year-old in the prime of health will have written caveats on loans and pledges, not expecting the sudden end to his life?

Harding, who bubbled with life as everyone who came into contact with him has testified, was a man with a particular football club the colour of blue in his soul. Moreover, from his self-made fortune in the insurance business, he had the means to play Walter Mitty to degrees almost beyond belief of anyone other than Jack Walker, at Blackburn Rovers.

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As the helicopter shattered across the Cheshire countryside, the thought came home that among other investments in Chelsea FC is Harding's £16.5 million ownership of the very land on which the club stands — the land which Bates for 13 years before Harding arrived had fought so hard to keep out of the hands of property speculators.

That £16.5 million land holding, for which Harding received £1.5 million annual rent, is the key to Chelsea's future. It was held by the Royal Bank of Scotland, who have the deeds until 2012. By then, Bates, too, will have gone and, unless it is clearly written in Harding's legal documents, who can be certain that the security of tenure at the Bridge is forever?

Harding had promised to put the land in trust to the club, but when the emotion and all the sincere feelings down the Fulham Road subside, someone must ascertain whether that intention is jeopardised or not.

These may sound cynical questions and may appear to come too soon into the period of shock and mourning. However, the full legacy of this remarkable fan cannot be evaluated until his business partners and his family have had a decent time to assess his pledges and heart's desire.

Meanwhile, what tributes! Outside the gates, one floral offering read: "A friend of the ordinary fan — you did the club proud. Chelsea would not be the same without you." A man with a child, perhaps as young as eight, the age at which Harding was first taken to the old North Stand by his father, stood and stared. "It wasn't just his pocket," the man said, "he was a Chelsea fan at heart."

Janet Rainbow knew this all along. Her job was to run the Chelsea Pitch Owners' Club, to which Harding subscribed as a shareholder. And it was she who prompted Bates to telephone Harding with the typically gruff opening line: "I'm told you're a fan with even more money than I've got. We'd better talk."

Harding: bubbled with life

Many people in the three years since that October day came to take sides, and began to call Harding rather than Bates the saviour of the Bridge. They were a fractious pairing, not least when Bates closed the directors' box to Harding a year ago.

The nub of their differences was that Bates saw the future built around Chelsea Village, securing the club together with a hotel and leisure complex. Harding, on a mission that began in the North Stand — The Matthew Harding Stand — 34 years ago, wanted simply, and at whatever cost, to rebuild the club in its own environment and entity.

A master businessman, he reasoned that football was a wonderful investment only so long as its total priority was the team and the stadium. He lived for those two things, he baited the bear of the Bridge, and he sat quite comfortably, sometimes a little mischievously, in the company of the Prime Minister while promising £1 million to the funds of the Labour Party.

But, above and beyond the wranglings, what Harding was paying for was to restore the swagger and the class of the Chelsea team which, 25 years ago, had beaten Real Madrid to win the European Cup Winners' Cup in Athens.

Peter Osgood, the centre forward of that team, said yesterday: "He was a wonderful man, buoyant, flashy if you like, but he was bringing back the period of the 1970s. I've only known Matthew four years, but I feel I've known him all my life."

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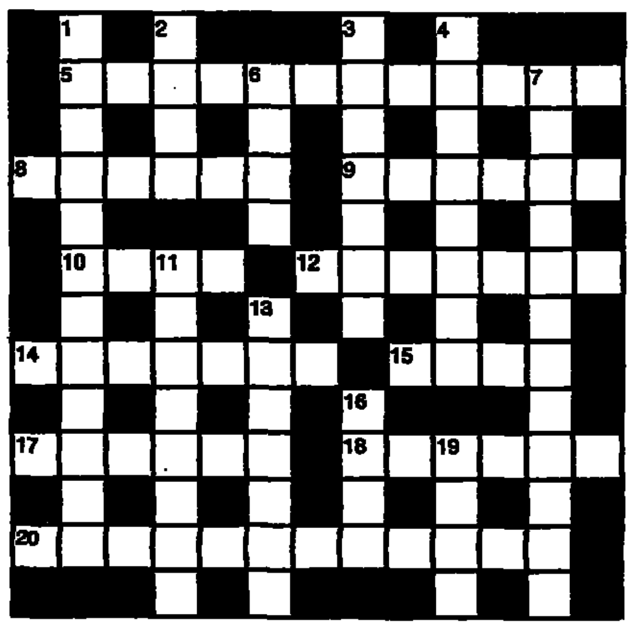

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Beal, left, is pursued by Catt during England's training session at Henley yesterday. Photograph: David Rogers/Allsport

# RFU rules out arbitration with clubs

By David Hands
rugby correspondent

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) has laid out its plans for the administration of the professional game before those clubs that will be most affected. Going over the heads of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) representatives, with whom it has fallen out once more, it hopes that its "fair and liberal" proposals will appeal to the majority of the 24 clubs that make up Epruc.

The clubs' first response will come at a special general committee meeting in London tomorrow, which was initially designed to debate Sir Pat Lowry's proposals for a more streamlined and effective union. Ironically, Sir Pat, the chairman of Wasps, is the former head of Acas, and yesterday it was suggested by another Wasp, Charles Levenson, that independent arbitration could be the way forward after seven weary months of dispute.

That proposal was firmly rejected by John Richardson, the RFU president. "We each of us know what our differences are and I don't think a referee would necessarily help," he said. Richardson insisted at Twickenham that his union had not reneged on a draft agreement reached with the clubs earlier this month, but that the RFU had to retain rights of approval over competitive structures and broadcasting rights.

The union's proposal is for a new company to be formed for the management of senior club rugby, comprising two RFU representatives and six from the clubs, one of whom would be chairman. "But we cannot just leave the clubs to get on with their competitions and find they cut across our structured season or sponsorship deals," Richardson said. He believes that the RFU draft agreement, in any case, goes beyond what many members consider advisable.

However, Levenson, a member of the Epruc negotiating team, claimed that the union's attitude had hardened in the days between their meetings this month. His organisation will state its case today, but the options available now to Epruc are stark: either it can accept the RFU proposal, or it can pursue its claims over restraint of trade in the courts and break away from the union.

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It is clearly the hope of the RFU that many clubs — essentially those which have no private investor supporting them — will accept the union's proposal and thus create a split in Epruc ranks. "The best solution is that no clubs break away," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. "There are conflicts between different clubs, those that are owned and those that are not. We have gone straight to the clubs and we hope that, properly explained, our agreement will be seen as fair and generous."

There is, however, no immediate threat to England's playing plans at senior level. Training at a sunlit Henley went ahead as scheduled yesterday, and though the RFU declared that under no circumstances would it call off an international, even if it had to go outside the present squad for selection purposes, Epruc officials concede that the withdrawal of their players would do their cause no good.

Will Carling, the former England captain, asserted — in the continued absence of a successor — his view that England's prospects were being harmed by the dispute. "The players would very much like to know who the new captain is, and he needs the chance to imprint his personality," Carling said.

"Players want to support their clubs but they also want to play for England. There are no circumstances in which I would not play for England and I don't think players should be used as pawns. No one has the right to ask a player not to play for his country and it would be a public relations disaster anyway."

Carling and Phil de Glanville, of Bath, who has represented the players' interests as required, both spoke with Richardson, and national squad members have been given copies of the RFU proposals. Both players may have reflected as they passed the village of Crazies Hill on leaving Henley that such a location is apt for English rugby just now.

# Isolated Harford ready to accept the inevitable

By David Maddock

BARONESS THATCHER of Kesteven is the honorary vice-president of Blackburn Rovers. It would be opportune if the Iron Lady were to take a more active role in club affairs, as Ewood Park is suffering from an indecision at boardroom level that borders on the incompetent.

Quite what the former Prime Minister, not known for her equivocation, would make of the situation at Blackburn is unclear, but no doubt she would not be too impressed.

The word crisis is used too frequently when addressing problems at football clubs, but it is fair to say that the farcical scenario that unfolded yesterday qualified for such a description. Ray Harford, the manager, was left sitting by a telephone, waiting for word that he would be put out of his misery. It never came.

Harford has had enough at Blackburn. He has made it clear that he took the manager's job with huge reservations when he succeeded Kenny Dalglish 15 months ago. Back then, he predicted problems in trying to follow Dalglish. Things have, as he feared, not worked out, and he wants to leave, should the terms be favourable.

Harford has had his fill of taking the blame for the problems that have beset Ewood Park. He knows that the supporters will never turn on Jack Walker, the club's wealthy owner, nor, by proxy, his board. So it is the manager who must shoulder all the blame, and he no longer wants to put his family through that ordeal.

He is also weary of trying to repair the damage caused by the loss of Alan Shearer, the inspirational forward sold to Newcastle United for £15 million shortly before the season started. Harford has tried to sign the quality replacement he believes will alter his team's fortunes, but has been hampered by a lack of financial commitment from his own board.

Thus he is ready to call it a day, a conviction made stronger by the demoralising home defeat at the hands of lowly Stockport County in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup. The problem, however, is that he has had no communication with Walker or Robert Coar, the club chairman, and he does not want to quit for obvious financial and emotional reasons.

They have offered not the merest suggestion of support, or even a lack of it, and Harford believes he has been left to take the flak while they vacillate. Even yesterday there was no discussion of the crisis, with Coar going to great lengths to avoid contact with the media on the subject.

Harford: reservations

Harford said recently that he felt results were going too strongly against him, and even offered to resign. "If that is what Jack Walker considers is the best course, then I will be happy to talk to him," he said. But Walker has not talked to his manager for more than two weeks. It is a tactic he adopted when Dalglish wanted to step back from the limelight, but retain an influence, and again when the whole world, except Walker and Coar, seemed to know that Shearer would leave.

The problem, however, will not go away, even though Harford is to be left in charge for the visit to West Ham United this weekend. That will buy a little time, but the manager is almost certain to be relieved of his burden soon after that FA Carling Premiership fixture.

Quite why the board have acted with such a lack of conviction is unclear, but is probably has something to do with the lack of a suitable successor.

It is known that Walker has made overtures to Terry Venables, the former England manager, but the farce yesterday suggests that so far he has proved unresponsive.

Blackburn will be hoping that Venables can somehow be persuaded to make the move North by next week. If not, then the Howards — Kendall and Wilkinson — will come under consideration. A far more likely alternative, though, is to cast the net beyond British shores. The names Cruyff and Beckenbauer would be hugely attractive, and Walker has the money to tempt them.

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